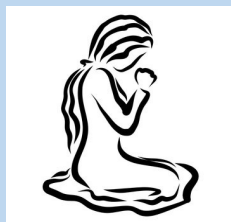


52 Days Of Prayer

Week 1



**Your knees can take you
Where your feet cannot go.**

Day 1 - Nehemiah 1: 1-5

Key Verse: 1:5

"O Lord, God of Heaven, the great and awesome God ...Listen to my prayer!"

Our "posture" in prayer is very important. It is good to consider the majesty and greatness of the Holy One to whom we are speaking. The Lord shows mercy to the humble.

Prayer Focus:

Spend time admiring God's greatness. How wonderful that One so mighty cares for us, who are so small!

Day 2—Nehemiah 1: 6-7

Key Verse: 1:6b

"I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned."

Nehemiah's first inclination is to confess. He realizes that he, like all others are sinners in need of a Savior. How glorious it is when our minds and hearts are cleansed and renewed!

Prayer Focus:

Spend time confessing your neediness to God.

Day 3—Nehemiah 1:8-9

Key Verse: 1:9

"....I will bring you back to the place I have chosen for my name to be honored."

God, Himself, will bring his children to the place He has chosen for the honor of His name. May we honor Him in our thoughts, words & actions continually!

Prayer Focus:

Thank the Lord for His leading! Pray that He will daily lead us to His intended destination.

Day 4—Nehemiah 1: 10-11

Key verse: 1:11b

"...Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me."

Even Nehemiah needed to get permission to complete the task ahead! It was God who moved the King's heart to not only permit him, but to bless him abundantly. May we trust that the Lord will make the way clear at His appointed time.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God would move the hearts of those in authority.

Day 5—Nehemiah 2: 1-2

Key verse: 2:2

"So the king asked me, 'Why are you looking so sad? ... You must be deeply troubled.'"

Nehemiah was heartbroken over the situation at Jerusalem. Are we likewise heartbroken about the state of our world? Will we grieve over the fallenness of our culture and be moved to action?

Prayer Focus:

Intercede for all who are living in darkness. Pray that we may bear the

Day 6—Nehemiah 2:3

Key Verse: 2:3

"How can I not be sad?"

Godly sorrow can lead to blessings. The Lord desires to use our pain to teach us, and prod us to make an impact in the places He has planted us.

Prayer Focus:

Invite the Lord into the painful places in your heart. Listen for His voice.

Day 7—Nehemiah 2:4-5

Key verse: 2:5b

"...send me to Judah to rebuild..."

Resolve. You can almost hear it in the text. Nehemiah sees the need; his heart has been broken; and the Spirit has compelled him to "GO!"

Prayer Focus:

To what task is the Holy Spirit calling you???

52 Days Of Prayer Week 2

There are more
battles won
through prayer
than by any
other means.

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Day 8 - Nehemiah 2:6-8

Key verse: 2:8b

"...according to the good hand of my God upon me."

The king granted Nehemiah's request because the "good hand of God was upon him." When things go favorably for us, let us remember that it is by God's hand that success is won.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for all the "official" approvals that are needed to complete the construction at LCA. Pray that the Lord's hand would be upon us!

Day 9—Nehemiah 2:17-20

Key Verse 2:18b

"So they (the Israelites) said, 'Let us rise up and build.' Then they set their hands to this good work."

When the Israelites looked closely at the need before them, they joined together as one to build together. May we, likewise, come together in one mind and purpose to see the Kingdom of God growing in our midst. Let us rise up and build!

Prayer Focus:

Unity of Purpose, Zeal for the Kingdom of God

Day 10—Nehemiah 3: 1-5

Key Verse: 3:5b

"Their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord."

Serving the Lord is often humbling. It means setting aside our agendas to obey a higher calling. May it not be said of us that we were unwilling to stoop to serve our Lord.

Prayer Focus:

That we would be willing to yield to the One whose ways are best.

Day 11—Nehemiah 3 :6-32

Those who built: Eliashib and priests, Men of Jericho, Zaccur, Sons of Hassenaah, Meremoth, Meshullam, Zadok, Tekoites, Jehoida, Meshullam, Melatiah, Jadon, Men of Gibeon and Mizpah, Uzziel, Hananiah, Rephaiah, Jedaiah, Hattush, Malchijah, Hashub, Shallum and his daughters, Hanun & inhabitants of Zanoah, Malchijah, Shallun, Nehemiah, Levites under Rehum, Hashabiah, Baval, Ezer, Baruch, Meremoth, the priests, the men of the plain, Benjamin and Hashub, Azariah, Binnui, Palal, Pediah, the Nethinim who dwelt in Ophel, Tekoites, priests, Zadok, Shemiah, Hananiah, Hanun, Meshullam, Malchijah, goldsmiths and merchants.

Prayer Focus:

God keeps accurate accounts. Rejoice that your name is recorded in His book.

Day 12—Nehemiah 4: 1-3

Key Verse 4:1b "...he was furious and ... mocked the Jews."

There are always those who oppose the ways of God. May the Lord make us wise in dealing with them, while prompting us to pray for their lost souls. May our drive to serve the Lord at all costs be unflappable!

Prayer Focus:

Strength to persevere in the midst of opposition—Spiritual awakening for those who speak against us.

Day 13—Nehemiah 4: 4-6

Key Verse: 4:6

"...the people had a mind to work."

When the Lord inspires us to work together, we can accomplish much more than we could imagine. Let us, like the Israelites of Nehemiah's time, have a mind to work for the Lord and exalt His glorious Name together!

Prayer Focus:

In what new ways is God calling you to serve Him?

Day 14—Nehemiah 4: 7-8

Key Verse: 4:8

"All of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion."

Are there murmurings or confusion within your group of brothers and sisters? Beware! The enemy wants to divide us and thwart the work of the Lord. Do not yield to that temptation. Prayerfully, confront the issue and clear the air.

Prayer Focus: *Strong bonds of unity within the family of God.*

52 Days Of Prayer Week 3



Day 15- Nehemiah 4:9

Key verse: 4:9

"...we made our prayer to God ... and set a watch."

The Israelites under Nehemiah were undeterred! They trusted their lives to God and made the prudent decision to arm themselves in case of an attack. Are we willing to make a stand for the Kingdom of God when it could be costly?

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God's people would stand strong—and prudent—in the face of opposition.

Day 16—Nehemiah 4:10-14

Key Verse 4:14

"Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren."

The workers got wind of the enemy's plans. Fear began to overtake them. Nehemiah strengthened the guard and called the people to "Remember the Lord." Do we realize that our first calling is to a heavenly Kingdom and our Savior King?

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God's people would know that they first belong to Him. Pray for hearts to put God's plans above our own.

Day 17—Nehemiah 4:15-20

Key Verse: 4: 20b

"Our God will fight for us!"

When the enemy realized that the Israelites had heard of their scheme, and fortified themselves, they abandoned their plot. The people of God were steadfast. The Lord DID fight for them to deliver them from their own fears as well as the enemy's plans.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that the Lord, our sure defense, would work both in us and in the hearts and lives of our enemies.

Day 18—Nehemiah 4:21-23

Key Verse: 4:23b "None of the men who followed me took off their clothes, except... for washing."

Vigilance ruled the day—and night— as the workers/soldiers stayed on the construction site, not even taking the time to change clothes, but being ever-ready for service. This gives us a glimpse of the physical and spiritual warfare that was happening.

Prayer Focus:

When we are at the end of ourselves, God shows us His might. Pray that we trust the Lord with steely resolve, even when our human strength is gone.

Day 19—Nehemiah 5: 1-7

Key Verse 5:6 "...and I became very angry when I heard their outcry."

When the evil one saw that the enemy from without was not slowing down the work, he tempted those from within the company of Israel to lust after selfish gain. Wealthy Jews began to exact usury from the very ones they should have been blessing.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that the Lord would keep us from the temptation to put our plans ahead of God's plans. Pray for ways to bless those who labor for the Lord.

Day 20—Nehemiah 5:8-12

Key Verse: 5:9a

"...then I said, 'What you're doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God?'"

Nehemiah's rebuke to the wealthy Jews calls them to fear the coming judgment of God, and make restitution to their brethren. When an inward "heart-change" has occurred, there will be an outward manifestation.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for eyes to see and repent of ways we thwart progress of the Lord's plans by pushing our own agenda.

Day 21—Nehemiah 5:13

Key Verse: 5:13

"So may God shake out each man... who does not perform this promise."

Nehemiah calls the people of Israel to make an oath to restore what they had taken from their countrymen. Then he pronounces God's wrath (shaking) on anyone who does not follow through on his promise.

Prayer Focus:

Lord, Your Word will stand forever. May we be true to our promises and speak "words in season" that will bring blessings.

52 Days Of Prayer Week 4

**THE GREATEST
TRAGEDY OF LIFE IS
NOT UNANSWERED
PRAYER, BUY
UNOFFERED PRAYER.**

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Day 22 Nehemiah 5:14-17

Key verse: 5:17

"...at my table were 150 Jews and rulers besides those who came to us from the nations around us."

While others were taking advantage of the brethren, Nehemiah was serving large groups of people—daily.

Prayer Focus:

Lord, make our hearts more and more generous. May we strive to be liberal in our giving and serving— as you were!

Day 23—Nehemiah 5:18-19

Key Verse 5:19

"Remember me, my God, for good."

Nehemiah was doing this work of wall building for an audience of One. Nehemiah saw the poverty and suffering of the people of Israel and had compassion on them. He used his own means to redeem some from slavery, and refused to put any more burden on the people, though it was his right and power to do so.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God's people would have a singleness of heart to serve and honor the Lord like Nehemiah did.

Day 24—Nehemiah 6:1-4

Key Verse: 6:3

"I am doing a great work... why should the work cease?"

Interruptions—we all have them. Some are valid. Others just serve to get us 'off track.'" Nehemiah saw through the façade of those who would be a distraction. His work was to do the will of the Lord

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God's people would have discernment and wisdom to "stay the course" when other issues would want to pull us away.

Day 25—Nehemiah 6:5-9

Key Verse: 6:9b

"Now, therefore, O God, strengthen my hands."

The enemies of Nehemiah are trying to intimidate Him and cause his destruction. The Lord reveals this to Nehemiah, and he prays for the ability to continue to labor on the task he was given.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that the Lord would strengthen the hands of His people to work heartily for His Kingdom!

Day 26—Nehemiah 6:10-14

Key Verse 6:11a

"Should such a man as I flee?"

Nehemiah's enemies are desperate as they convince an Israelite to join them in their schemes. "Lure Nehemiah to the temple—and we will fall upon him there." Nehemiah will have none of it. Levitical laws would be broken if he hid in the temple. Nehemiah would stand still and see the salvation of His God.

Prayer Focus: *Pray that God's people would put on the God's armor and stand firm.*

Day 27—Nehemiah 6:15-16

Key Verses: 6:15,16b

"So the wall was finished... in 52 days ... our enemies perceived that this work was done by our God."

The fact that the walls were completed in 52 days is astonishing! Surely, God's hand had to be at work to accomplish this. Nehemiah's enemies saw this. Do we see God working in our midst?

Prayer Focus:

Pray that we have eyes to see the workings of God—and give Him glory!

Day 28—Nehemiah 8:1-3

Key Verse: 8:3b

"...and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law."

After the completion of the wall, Nehemiah registers the people by their genealogy. Families had returned from captivity and were re-populating their homeland. Ezra is called on to open God's Word and speak to the people at this momentous time.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that our ears would be ever attentive to the Book of the Law— God's Word—and His eternal Truth.

52 Days Of Prayer Week 5

Is Prayer
your
steering wheel
or your
Spare tire?
--Corrie Ten Boom

Day 29- Nehemiah 8:4-8

Key verse: 8:8

"So they read distinctly from the book of the Law of God...and helped them to understand the reading."

The Law was read and the people were cut to the heart—for the Law convicts us of sin. The people wept and were sorrowful. They understood their great need. Nehemiah was called to speak to them about God's mercy. Nehemiah exhorted them to rejoice because the great work was completed.

Prayer Focus: *Has the Lord allowed us to see the reality of our sin, along with the reality of His mercy?*

Day 30—Nehemiah 8:9-10

Key Verse 8:10b

"The joy of the Lord is your strength."

"Keep your face towards the sunshine and you will not see the shadows." (Helen Keller)
If our lips are giving praise to the Lord, our joy will increase. Let us keep our minds on the majesty of our Savior and the wondrous things He has done – and soon the joy of the Lord will fortify our spirits and lift us beyond any earthly troubles.

Prayer Focus:

*Praise the Lord for His greatness!
Exalt His name! Tell of His salvation!*

Day 31—Nehemiah 8: 11-12

Key Verse: 8:12

"...eat, drink, send portions, rejoice greatly. They understood the words."

After they had wept, they rejoiced. Holy mourning makes way for holy mirth; those who tremble at the convictions of the Word, may triumph in the consolations of it. (Matthew Henry) So the assembly feasted, celebrated and shared God's goodness.

Prayer Focus: *Pray that believers would have greater understanding of God's Word, and be zealous to share the blessings of the LORD!*

Day 32—Nehemiah 8:17b

Key Verse: 8:17b

"There was very great gladness."

Once the people's understanding of God's Word had been awakened, they could not get enough of that holy manna! They sat at Ezra's feet and listened to the Scriptures. They kept the feast of Tabernacles, which had not been observed since the time of Joshua! Indeed, there was very great gladness!

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God's people would revel in His Word and in His worship!

Day 33—Nehemiah 9:1-3

Key Verse 9:3

"...stood up for half the day (6hrs.) to hear God's Word, confess and worship."

Revival had come to this people. In the ensuing weeks we find them seeking the Lord, observing a holy fast and spending an entire day hearing God's Word, confessing and worshipping.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that revival would break out among us—even now—in this place.

Day 34—Nehemiah 9:4-6

Key Verse: 9:5b

"...Stand up and bless the Lord your God forever and ever!"

Reflect on what God is doing in our midst—in our world—in His church—in our neighborhoods—at Liberty Classical Academy—in our families—in ourselves. Then, like the Israelites of Nehemiah's time, stand up and bless the Lord!

Prayer Focus: *"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."*

John 21:25

Day 35—Nehemiah 9:7-8

Key Verse: 9:8b

"You have performed Your Words, for You are righteous."

It is good to recall God's faithfulness—the ways He has kept His covenants throughout generations. Surely, there is no god like our God! Then we remember that we can only "see through a mirror dimly..." Imagine all the greatness of God we do not yet have eyes to see!!!

Prayer Focus: *The Greatness, Faithfulness and Righteousness of God*

52 Days Of Prayer Week 6

*I have so much to do that I
shall spend the first three
hours in Prayer"*

~ Martin Luther

Day 36- Nehemiah 9:9-12

Key verse: 9:12

"You led them...to give them light on the road which they should travel."

The people remembered how the Lord led their ancestors through the wilderness—and centuries later, Jude recalls how "Jesus saved His people out of the land of Egypt." (Jude vs. 5) The Almighty One still leads us today. May we never fail to look for His light and His direction on our path!

Prayer Focus:

Conviction to walk where God leads.

Day 37—Nehemiah 9: 13-15

Key Verse 9:15b

"(You) told them to go in and to possess the land which You had sworn to give them."

They continue to recount the travels of the Israelites under Moses as they first approached the Promised Land. How heartbreaking when the spies came back with a report that they were like "grasshoppers" and too weak to possess the good land which God had provided.

Prayer Focus: Faith for God's people to realize that "Nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Day 38—Nehemiah 9: 16-17

Key Verse: 9:17b

"But you are God; ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them."

Even when his people lacked faith, God did not abandon them. He continued to lead them, and deal with them throughout 40 years in the wilderness. Our God is slow to anger and abundant in kindness.

Prayer Focus: Thanks for God's faithfulness and mercy—even when we are faithless. Praise for His ability to turn our messes into masterpieces!

Day 39—Nehemiah 9: 18-21

Key Verse: 9: 21 "They lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell."

I've had some garments for 20 years (not 40!)—but they are wearing thin. Shoes for 40 years??? Has there been a time when you went hiking—for decades—and your feet didn't act up??? Only the Lord could work that out!

Prayer Focus: Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief!

Day 40—Nehemiah 9:22-23

Key Verse 9:23 "...You also multiplied their children as the stars of heaven."

Children are precious gifts. God blessed the Israelites with sons and daughters. May the family of God be blessed with children who walk in God's ways—new converts—and repentant prodigals—who will proclaim God's greatness to a people yet unborn.

Prayer Focus: That God would add to the church, every day, those who are being saved!

Day 41—Nehemiah 9: 24-25

Key Verse: 9:25

"...(they) delighted themselves in Your great goodness."

When the 40 years in the wilderness had ended, the Lord brought his people once again to the promised inheritance. This time they possessed the land and delighted in God's great goodness.

Prayer Focus: Praise for God's faithfulness, for His amazing provision, for giving us the desires of our hearts.

Day 42—9:26-27

Key Verse:

"Nevertheless, they were disobedient...and in the time of their distress, when they cried out to You, You heard from heaven."

The nature we inherited from our first parents clings to us like static electricity in winter. We find ourselves doing what we do not desire and failing to do things that we wish to do.

Prayer Focus:

Confess your failures; Rejoice in God's abundant mercies!

52 Days Of Prayer

Week 7

The true church lives and moves and has its being in prayer.

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Day 43—Nehemiah 9:32-35

Key verse: 9: 33

"...You are just in all that has befallen us; for You have dealt faithfully, but we have done wickedly."

Hindsight is often 20/20. It is a redeemed heart that can say that "God has dealt faithfully, though we have done wickedly." May we see God's loving hand of discipline and mercy as we look back on the paths we have walked.

Prayer Focus: *That we may always bow humbly before our God and trust His heart of wisdom.*

Day 44—Nehemiah 10:28-29

Key Verse 10: 29b

"These joined with their brethren and entered into an ...oath to walk in God's Law."

As God, Himself, has done so many things through the power of His word, so we, too, bind ourselves with oaths and covenants using the words we speak and write. The people saw their need to be held accountable, so they entered into a sacred promise with the Lord and one another.

Prayer Focus: *We would realize the power of our words and be strengthened to maintain our covenants.*

Day 45—Nehemiah 10: 38-39

Key Verse: 10: 39b

"We will not neglect the house of our God."

When the Lord blesses us, life becomes very full. It is very easy to get caught up in our own activities, agendas, desires...and lose sight of the Lord and His ways. This is not uncommon. It happens to most of us. Those who are wise will run back to the Lord and seek restoration.

Prayer Focus: *Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. I'm prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it—seal it for thy courts above!*

Day 46—Nehemiah 12: 1-26

Key Verse: 12: 24 "And the chiefs of the Levites,...with their brothers, (who) stood opposite them to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David, the man of God. "

"How good it is, and how pleasant, for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Ps. 133:1) Here, the brethren were praising the Lord—giving thanks for delivering them from captivity and resettling them in their homeland.

Prayer Focus:

Unity among God's people— with one heart and mind to serve the Lord!

Day 47—Nehemiah 12:27-31

Key Verse 12: 31 "...so I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large, thanksgiving choirs."

Sing unto the Lord a new song! Sing unto the Lord all the earth! Sing unto the Lord, bless His name! (Ps. 96) Did you notice that this is not a suggestion? It is an emphatic directive.

Prayer Focus:

Play some worship music and sing to the Lord in a loud voice!

Day 48—Nehemiah 12: 38-47

Key Verse: 12:43

"...and they offered great sacrifices that day...and the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away."

What a glorious sound must have been heard that day around Jerusalem! God had delivered! God had fulfilled His promise! Those who had sown in tears were reaping with shouts of joy! Alleluia!

Prayer Focus:

Exult in the wonder and majesty of our Lord and Savior!

Day 49—Nehemiah 13: 1-3

Key Verse: 13: 3

"When they had heard the Law, they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel."

It is sobering to realize that people who start out with the best intentions, can so easily be led off course. The path back to our Father is a short one—for He meets us along the road. Turn to Him and be restored!

Prayer Focus:

Thankfulness for God's "father heart" of love and mercy.

52 Days Of Prayer Week 8



Day 50- Nehemiah 13: 4-11

Key verse: 13: 11

"Why is the house of God forsaken?"

Nehemiah had placed others in charge at Jerusalem and returned to the serve the King of Persia. With Nehemiah no longer on the scene, people returned to sinful practices. When Nehemiah returns a second time, he deals with the disobedience swiftly and decisively.

Prayer Focus:

Keep us steadfast and vigilant. May we always seek accountability.

Day 51—Nehemiah 13: 12-18

Key Verse 13: 18

"Did not your fathers do thus, and did not God bring all this disaster on us and on this city?"

Sin is never an isolated issue. It spreads like a cancer and affects all those around—and sometimes—those far off. May we have a holy fear of the coming day when we will be called to give an account of our actions. May we cling forever to our Lord, Jesus!

Prayer Focus:

None is righteous—no, not one. We all are in need of the saving grace of Jesus!

Day 52—Nehemiah 13: 23- 31

Key Verse: 13: 31b

"Remember me, oh my God, for good."

Nehemiah prays that God will remember his work in Jerusalem and his faithful way of life. May we, as we near the end of our journey, be able to utter a similar prayer.

Prayer Focus:

"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day..." Lord, keep us faithful to life's end.