



**Prayer
Time**

7 Day Devotional



Prayer is the foundation of our faith and everything that we do, both now and in the future, needs to be underpinned by this key principle. Therefore, the church leadership love to call times when we can be together in prayer, this being called our 'Prayer Time'.

'Prayer Time' is based upon the scripture from Joel 1:14 calling for a time set for a church community to come together to pray.

Prayer should be our first response in every situation. Understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough; whether things are good or bad, we try to pray before we do anything. In order for it to become a part of our life and church, prayer should be something we look forward to doing. We want you to discover the beauty of conversation with Him and experience the presence of God that will change your life. Moreover, we look forward to praying together, as when we have that connection we can truly be family.



Before any day begins, before you go to bed. Before you go to work or school, be at home or out in your neighbourhood. Before you send that text, Whats App, Tweet or post any image. Before you eat, drive or travel. When bad things happen, before bad things happen.

After the day is over, after we have received that news, after we are made aware of someone else's life event. In every situation it's PRAYER TIME!

You can pray on the move or in stillness, at home in a favourite place or at the same time every day. You can pray morning, noon or night - whatever works, it is your prayer time. The most important thing is that we set a period and try and keep to it!

Look out for specific prayer opportunities across all our locations. Furthermore, set aside times yourself, come together as a group, or join with a friend and let us devote ourselves to prayer. For all our service information visit renewalcc.com/services.



To go alongside your season of 'Prayer Time', we have created guides to help you get the most out of the time you can dedicate to God. For more information and specific guides on how to pray, how to fast and other creative ideas visit renewalcc.com/prayer.

We would love to hear about how God has spoken to you through your prayer time.

Post your prayers, comments, encouragements or requests on social media [@renewalcc](https://twitter.com/renewalcc). You can also email us at prayer@renewalcc.com.

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Day 1

The Root of Salvation

This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.

Romans 1:17 NLT

In today's society, it is easy to make decisions that are not consistent with our faith in Jesus. As Christians, our hope and belief come from the assurance of the price that God was willing to pay for each of our lives—the gift of Jesus, His son. We are made righteous through trusting God and relying on the good news of Jesus to bring us salvation.

Even though we are imperfect people, we are made whole through the righteousness of God. Our righteousness is exercised through faithful living.

- **Pray for yourself and others, that we may learn what God has done to make us right.**
- **Pray that we will cultivate a life that is consistent with our faith.**

Day 2

Growing your Salvation

God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

Romans 3:26 NLT

Often people can misinterpret what it means to receive salvation. You cannot repair your relationship with God by your good deeds. Neither does a prayer solely save you; belief in Jesus' work on the cross does! Prayer helps us to recognise the things that we are turning away from, so that we can turn to the things of God and put our trust there.

A righteous life should mirror a transforming heart. We are made righteous through our dependence on Jesus Christ.

- **Spend some time praying that your life will be a demonstration of a transformed heart, that shows a growing relationship with Jesus.**

Day 3

Salvation through Affliction

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 NLT

God's mercy allows space for righteousness to develop in your life. By faith, God allows us as Christians to share Christ's victory over sin without condemnation. This does not excuse us from the trials of life, however, it does allow a perspective of hope to be the overriding power.

- **Pray for yourself and for others. Pray that a character which demonstrates faith and righteousness will be developed.**

Day 4

Endurance in Salvation

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

Romans 5:3-4 NLT

Endurance is a necessary expression which allows faith to be produced. It allows our hope to become secure in the knowledge of God's love. It is evident, that despite the sin and works that come against us, the love and grace of God will always be greater.

- **Pray for endurance, patience, perseverance, and a willing spirit. Allow God to produce a faith that is steadfast and reliant upon the Holy Spirit.**

Day 5

A Tested Faith & Unashamed Hope

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8 NLT

Grace delivers us from a sinful nature which is not to be taken for granted. It is a gift from God. Grace empowers and releases. We walk in righteousness, awaiting His return, because of His grace.

Those who identify with Christ, aim to live accordingly. A tested faith, should produce an unashamed hope through obedient works of faith.

- **Spend some time in prayer reflecting on situations that you have come through. Recognise where God's hand has been at work, and pray that God will give you a spirit that is unashamed of the gospel.**

Day 6

Salvation Living

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Romans 12:1 NLT

Each day we have a choice to serve righteousness or to entertain sin. Sin merited death, but God's gift through Christ gives merit to eternal life.

We consecrate ourselves to living a life of salvation by offering ourselves back to God. Allow your life to be a living sacrifice.

- **Consider how you spend your days. If you've entertained sin, rather than living to serve righteousness, offer up your life once more. How could God use you today to bless, serve or release His grace in other people's lives?**

Day 7

Committed Living

But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.

Romans 8:9 NLT

God's sacrificial love is committed to your salvation. Does your life show a commitment to God? God did what the law could not, so that we could have a spirit that represented freedom, not captivity. Allowing the Holy Spirit to flood your thoughts brings life and peace.

- **Spend some time in prayer committing your thoughts, your plans, and your purposes to the will of God. Pray that His Spirit will fill your thoughts, so that you have a spirit of freedom.**

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