



PRAYING ALWAYS



When we speak of our vocation or 'purpose' in life, we are looking at the work that God has planned for us to do. 'For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do' (Ephesians 2:10); 'All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be' (Psalm 139:16). We are more than the work we do; by grace and through the blood, we are adopted as precious children of God. In order to get a clearer view of our 'vocation' we need to have a clear picture of Jesus.

This Praying Always takes us through the life of Jesus in chronological order, from the beginning of his ministry to his substitutionary atoning death on Calvary. The first set of prayers each day concern the vocation of the Church, the second our calling or work in the world. Please forgive me if your area of expertise is missed out, and pray for people in that area of work as well. I trust you will find inspiration as you read and seek God's face. Lastly, pray that God would raise up people of vision, holiness and integrity in your circuit and district.

- 1 **MARK 1:1-28 & JOHN 1:19-51** - The desperate shortage of Ministers - Students looking for a future.
- 2 **LUKE 3 & MATTHEW 3** - God to raise up Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers - Farmers.
- 3 **MATTHEW 4:1-17, LUKE 4:1-30 & JOHN 2:1-11** - Flexibility and wisdom in our Church - Teachers.
- 4 **JOHN 2:12-3:21, JOHN 4, MARK 1:29-34 & LUKE 4:31-44** - Lay Workers, Pastoral Workers, Youth Workers, Family Workers - Doctors.
- 5 **LUKE 5:6-16, MATTHEW 4:5** - The Call to Local Preaching - Surgeons.
- 6 **MATTHEW 6:1-8:22** - The call to serve the Church as stewards, administrators and Bible class leaders - Business owners.
- 7 **LUKE 6:17-7:50** - Those who have retired and feel out of place - Employers.
- 8 **MARK 4, LUKE 8 & MATTHEW 8:23-34** - The call to missionary service - Nurses.
- 9 **MARK 5:1-6:13, LUKE 9:1-9 & MATTHEW 10** - The call to salvation, for old and young - Bankers and those who work with finances.
- 10 **JOHN 3:22-36 & MATTHEW 11** - All need to be saved, All can be saved, All can know they are saved, All can be saved to the uttermost - Lawyers.
- 11 **MATTHEW 12:13 & JOHN 5** - The call to Scriptural holiness in life and doctrine - Seafarers.
- 12 **MARK 6:14-29 & MATTHEW 14:1-12** - Deacons and the Diaconal order - Teaching assistants.
- 13 **MARK 6:30-43, MATTHEW 14:13-21, LUKE 9:10-17 & JOHN 6:1-25** - Children and youth workers, including Scouting, Guiding, Boys' and Girls' Brigade - Council employees & the mayor.
- 14 **MARK 6:45-56, MATTHEW 14:22-36, JOHN 6:25-70 & JOHN 7** - Street pastors - IT Workers.
- 15 **JOHN 8:1-10:21** - Luncheon Clubs, Messy Church, Café Church - Members of Parliament.
- 16 **MARK 7-8 & MATTHEW 15** - The Discipleship and Learning Network - District enablers and Midwives.
- 17 **MATTHEW 16 & LUKE 9:18-27** - Churches considering closure and the use of our buildings - Research Scientists.
- 18 **MATTHEW 17:1-13, MARK 9:1-13 & LUKE 9:28-36** - New Church plants - Lecturers.
- 19 **MATTHEW 17:14-27, MARK 9:14-50 & LUKE 9:37-10:40** - Our brothers and sisters in other denominations - Steel workers.
- 20 **JOHN 10:22-38 & LUKE 11-13** - Christians Together in your area - Car plant workers.
- 21 **LUKE 14-15 & MATTHEW 18** - Chaplains in the workplace: schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, MHA Homes and the Armed Forces - Small businesses and shop workers.
- 22 **LUKE 16:1-18:7** - A restoration of God's miraculous gifts and persistent prayer - Hoteliers.
- 23 **MATTHEW 19:1-20:16 & MARK 10:1-31** - The same sex marriage talks and preparation to vote - Police.

- 24 **LUKE 18:18-30, JOHN 10:40 & JOHN 11** - Evangelistic activities, Alpha and seekers courses - Judiciary.
- 25 **MATTHEW 20:17-34, MARK 10:32-52 & LUKE 18:31-43** - The courage to invite others to church and wisdom in whom to ask - Army.
- 26 **LUKE 19-20, JOHN 12:1-50 & MATTHEW 21-22** - Our Calling, Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism - Royal Navy.
- 27 **MATTHEW 23-24, MARK 12-13, LUKE 21, LUKE 22:46 & JOHN 13:1-17** - The Lord's return and the end of the age of grace - Royal Air Force.

- 28 **MARK 14:12-31, JOHN 14-16 & LUKE 22:47-53** - Brexit and the Nation - Emergency Services.
- 29 **JOHN 18-19 & MATTHEW 27** - The Connexional Team - Ambulance workers.
- 30 **MATTHEW 28:1-15, MARK 16:1-8, LUKE 23:6-24:35 & JOHN 20-21** - The Chairs of District - The Royal Family.
- 31 **LUKE 24:36-53, MATTHEW 28:16-20, MARK 16:9-20 & ACTS 1:1-11** - A new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and God-centred worship - Transportation workers (rail, road, sea & air).

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