

## Light The Highway

### 35 Days of Holiness Prayer Guide

#### Week One

This week's focus is: Personal Sanctification and Holiness

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##### Focus scripture

*"Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place, He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully." Psalm 24:3-4*

On this first day of our walk of holiness, let's begin by asking God to cleanse our hearts as we cry out to Him to reveal any hidden sin or areas of compromise in our hearts.

Today, let's focus on areas of unforgiveness. Ask the Lord to show you anyone that you need to forgive.

*These might include: Parents, children, teachers, peers, employers, employees, cities where live or lived as well as nations.*

Make your list and "nail" them to the cross. Spend time praying with and for each other.

##### Personal Application

Keep a journal of your 35 days of prayer beginning today. Make a list of those you need to forgive or those to whom you need to ask forgiveness. Write or call and reconcile with them.

#### Day Two

*"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23*

God reconciled the world to Himself through His son, Jesus. In order to establish a highway of holiness we need to prepare the way for individual as well as national reconciliation to God. First comes **individual reconciliation**.

During this prayer time, ask God to show you anyone that you need to reconcile with. Have you done all you could to reconcile yourself with your brother or sister? If you tried in the past and were rebuffed, perhaps you need to go again.

Make a list of all those you need to be reconciled with from your past and place that list on the cross, asking God for supernatural intervention.

### **Personal Application**

You might want to write a letter to someone asking for forgiveness if they know you have a breach with them. Perhaps you used to attend a church and left without speaking to the pastor. Go make it right, if possible, to reach them. If not, simply ask the Lord to forgive and restore you and them.

### **Day Three**

*“Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart; He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change; He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.” Psalms 15: 1-5*

On this day we will deal with having righteousness in our character. This deals with the sanctification of our personhood in both word and deed—what we say and do.

Here are some issues that we need to check:

1. Do we have a problem with lying or gross exaggeration? Do we see a “little white lie” as being all right?
2. Do we think that it is all right to break the law if we don’t like it or think that no one sees?

Some suggested areas to check:

- Breaking the highway laws such as: speeding, not stopping at stop signs, or running red lights.
- Breaking laws such as the need for car insurance. Different countries have different laws concerning the need for insurance. We cannot build a holy highway without obeying the physical laws of the highways and roads we drive.

Paying bills on time and debt

1. Do we pay our bills on time? How about spending beyond our limits to pay on a consistent basis and living in debt without making a plan on how to pay our bills?

Lying

Do you have a problem with lying? What is lying? If you have a problem with not keeping your word, that is also a form of lying.

Workplace

Do people around you in the workplace know you are a Christian by your work ethics? Are you on time? Do you pull your load of work? Do you spend excess time on your

cell phone or surfing the web when you should be working? Another area to check is whether you participate in gossip with other employees or speak about your boss behind his or her back in a derogatory manner.

As the Holy Spirit convicts you, “nail” these sins to the cross and ask forgiveness. Perhaps you want to repent to someone you have lied to, or a boss, etc.

## **Day Four**

### **Focus Scripture**

And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: *“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”* Isaiah 6:5

Today we move into a season of deep cleansing before the Lord. There may be sin issues that you need to repent for and nail to the cross today.

Here are a few to take a look at:

#### **1. Addictions**

- These include prescription drugs as well as marijuana, cigarettes, alcohol, and any other substances that control you on an addictive basis.
- Other addictions include pornography or other sexual addictions. Gambling may be one as well.

#### **2. Sexual Sins**

- Other areas to look for are sexual add such as: lust, homosexuality, bisexuality, fornication, or adultery. Watching movies that are sexually explicit also would be included on this list. If you have watched movies with open sexual acts, nudity, partial nudity, or bad language, this needs to on your list of things for repentance.

#### **3. Bad language**

- Before we can change a nation, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to change and cleanse our hearts. We must sanctify ourselves before we can repent for the sins of our nation.

Take your list of sins and nail them to the cross. You may need to go for further deliverance, prayer, and/or counseling to deal with some of the issues you realize need to be dealt with in your life. Please do not become discouraged in this, but trust God to lead you to a place of healing and wholeness.

## **Day Five**

*“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”* James 5:16

Open confession of sin has historically been a part of some of the greatest revivals--the Asbury Revival being one of them.

Today, we move into a time where some may want to confess sin publicly. There are guidelines for this kind of confession.

Here are a few:

1. Do not confess sin involving another person by a proper name without their permission.
2. Do not confess such things that would cause grief to another person without consulting them first. For instance, your spouse may not know that you had an abortion or affair. We don't want to tear up marriages while working to sanctify ourselves.
3. If you are married, it would be good to ask permission of your spouse before openly admitting to an affair that you both already know about.
4. If the other person does not know that you have had ought against them, do not go to them and "dump" your issues onto them. Confess your sin in a general way and receive forgiveness from your prayer circle. However, if there is a known breach, go and make it right between the two of you. Father and mother might also pray with their own families for healing of family issues.

Here are some stages of this kind of repentance:

1. Break into groups of two or three. Look at the other person(s) while confessing your sin, repent of the sin, and then ask them to pray for you to be healed of the results of your sin.
2. Allow time for each person to pray.

During this time, you might also need to pray to forgive yourself for the sins you have committed, nail these sins to the cross, and receive forgiveness from the Lord.

### **Open Confession of sin**

As time allows, people may confess openly to the whole group about their sin. Many women, for instance, have had abortions, but never told anyone. There is great healing that can come through open confession of sin when it is done properly.

Be sensitive to the Lord and follow His leading if this season turns into a longer period of time (than one watch.) Quietly explain to the watch leader of the next group about what is taking place and discuss between you how to handle the move of the Holy Spirit without quenching what God is doing in your midst.

### **Day Six**

Begin this day at the first prayer station of the Ten Commandments.

*"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath,*

*or that is in the water under the earth, you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.” Exodus 20:4*

What are the “gods” that we have in our lives? They are the things that we worship, focus on with adoration more than God Himself. What is our heart focus? Begin with overt idolatry both in ourselves as well as in the generations, as Exodus 20:4 points out:

### **1. Generational iniquity**

Did our parents worship any gods other than the one true God? Did they bow down to them, pay homage to them, or pray to them? This also includes acts such as: lighting candles to saints, asking saints who have died to pray for us, wearing medallions with saints’ names on them for protection, the giving of the name of saint to give you special protection.

Asian cultures rejoice when their children are born in the “year of the dragon”. Perhaps your parents worshipped the dragon or other animals or burned incense to Buddha. Repent and ask forgiveness for the sins of your family to the third and fourth generations.

Do you have any objects used in the worship of other gods? Do you have a rosary used to pray to Mary or old jade jewelry used in ancestor worship? These must be renounced in order to walk in holiness and freedom.  
(For a more complete list on how to be free, please read my book, *Deliver Us From Evil*.)

Prayer leader, after people have renounced the generational sins, pray to break the curses over the people’s lives such as poverty, insanity, infirmity, depression, that comes from idolatry. Ask people who wish to get rid of the occult objects from their family to bring them to be burned. (Is. 47:14) Those who are asking forgiveness from the use of astrology, the reading of Harry Potter books, etc. might bring those to be burned at the same time.

### **2. Material gods**

There may be objects that you want to bring as offerings to the Lord to show a change in your life from the need to buy status symbols for your personal self-worth. This is between you and the Lord. It might be a cell phone, shoes, a jacket, or something else of material value. Not all these things are things you have worshipped and might not need to be given as a symbol of your giving your ownership of them to God. Do not feel forced or coerced--unless by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Others might want to search their hearts to see if they have a problem with unrighteous mammon and repent—nailing this sin to the cross in a time of prayer.

**Day Seven**

Take time on this day to focus on the rest of the Ten Commandments. If you do not finish on this day, pick up the remainder on the next day of your watch. Remember, this is our week of **personal holiness** and we will deal with issues of breaking the commandments of God on a corporate nature later during our 35 days of prayer. However, remember that this is a guideline for prayer and your time should be subject to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

*“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.” Exodus 20:7*

Here is what this means:

1. The trivializing His name by regarding it as insignificant. (*New Spirit-filed Life Bible p. 136*)
2. Using it in worship thoughtlessly.

The Name of God is to be invoked with reverence. It is not to be taken lightly or as an explicative. It is to be used with the intent of worship or prayer. Even in worship, we should remember how serious the use of His holy Name. This keeps ever present in our minds the fact that He is God and we are not.

Have you even taken lightly the name of the Lord? Nail this sin to the cross and ask forgiveness.

*“Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.” Exodus 20:8*

Is the Sabbath Day just another day to you? How do you keep it holy? We keep it holy by special acknowledgement of God. It is also important to have a day of complete rest built into our schedules. At times, extended periods of rest should be taken to have a time of regeneration.

On a personal note, the Lord has asked me to not only worship Him on a special day but not to go shopping for anything (unless it is a necessity) on Sunday. Examine yourself and seek the Lord as to what this commandment means and what you should do to obey it. Not working on Sunday unless absolutely necessary is important. If you have to work on the Sabbath, take another day of rest and honor to the Lord for His holy day.

*“Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12*

Do you give honor to your parents, or if they are deceased, were you honoring of your parents? What does this mean? Did you mock them or disrespect them? Were you in rebellion against their rules? Perhaps your parents are still alive and you can call and repent to them. If they are in the prayer room, take time to go to them.

Each of the other commandments might have been covered in our earlier time of repentance. If not, take time to repent for the sins found in Exodus 13-17 and nail those sins to the cross.