

Topic 4

Abide in Me

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7)

What an amazing promise of the power of prayer! If we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will give us our heart's desire as promised in Psalm 37:4. Jesus reaffirms this in John 15:1-11. However, the conditions to such blessings are that we abide in Him and His living Word. In other words, our inner man must be filled with the Holy Spirit and our lives formed by the Word of God, then we will bear much fruit to the Father's glory. Yet if we do not abide in Him, our spiritual lives will wither. Let us always remember, without Him we can do nothing. Let us abide in His grace and love and we will bear much fruit as His disciples.

Let us abide in prayer and:

- a) Allow the Lord to prune our lives so that we bear more fruit to His glory (John 15:1-4).
- b) Mature in faith and align our will with His, so that our prayers are answered. (v. 7-8).
- c) Become like a tree planted by living waters that bears much spiritual fruit (Psalm 1:1-3).

Topic 5

Love Me

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'" (John 14:23)

All of us wish to receive a special guest who blesses us and our home. Jesus is promising that if we love Him and His Word, He will come with His Father to make our hearts His home. What an amazing promise fulfilled through the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts (Romans 8:9)! If God is with us, what untold blessings of peace, grace and hope are ours. Do we as God's children abide in His love? We know that faith, hope, and love remain, but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13). Jesus commands us to demonstrate our abiding love by keeping His commandments (John 15:9-11).

Let us lovingly thank God that:

- a) He wishes to live in our hearts through His Word and Spirit.
- b) We can serve Him out of love and thank Him daily for His saving grace and untold blessings.
- c) We can prayerfully petition Him and He will answer us (John 14:13-15).

TOPICS FOR THE PRAYER WEEK JANUARY 2026

Call Upon the Name of the Lord

Who would not like to receive good gifts from the heavenly Father above? He is the Father of lights and all blessings flow from Him to us as James writes:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17, NKJV).

He alone can shower us with perfect and holy gifts through His Spirit as we call upon His name in faith. With what gifts of answered prayers has the Lord Jesus blessed you in the past year? Let us bless the Lord daily and not forget His good gifts to us (Psalm 103:1-5). With such praise, our hearts will be filled with gratitude. Despite any trials we may face in the New Year, let us call upon the name of the Lord and be encouraged!

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Topic 1

Call Upon Me

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

Call upon the name of the Lord Jesus and you will be saved (Acts 4:12). Once saved, we can ask the Lord in faith for whatever we need to live a holy life day by day. When we seek Him in Spirit, we will discover God's will for our lives. Jesus says to knock and the door of blessing will be opened to us. Let us be like the persistent widow, who did not lose heart in her efforts to find help. She continued to knock until her prayers were answered (Luke 18:1-8). If we also ask in faith, Jesus makes us this wonderful promise:

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:11).

Let us call upon the Name of the Lord:

- a) To seek His will and grace for our daily lives, our families, and our local church.
- b) Never losing heart in praying for God's guiding providence.
- c) To glorify His name throughout the land and that revival may come.

Topic 2

Follow Me

"Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.'" (Luke 9:23)

In today's world, there are some who claim that a Christian life can be continually filled with health, wealth, and prosperity. Yes, the good Lord may richly bless us, but as His followers we are to take up our cross daily. Such a cross includes self-denial, persecution, sickness, and many trials. We are to deny ourselves and dedicate our lives fully to serving our Lord and spreading the Good News of the gospel (Mark 8:35). Let us remember that Jesus has overcome the world and fills us with a peaceful heart and good cheer (John 16:33).

Let us follow Him and pray for strength:

- a) To take up our cross daily and cast all our cares upon Him who cares for us (1 Peter 5:6-7).
- b) To humble ourselves and dedicate our lives fully to His will (Romans 12:1-2).
- c) To be found faithful in serving the Lord Jesus until we inherit the crown of life (James 1:12).

Topic 3

Come to Me

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

What a beautiful invitation from our Lord and Savior. He is calling all people to come to Him and find spiritual rest and peace for their souls (John 3:16). The lost can bring their heavy burdens of sin to the cross and find grace and forgiveness. Whom the Son sets free from bondage and addiction will be truly free (John 8:36)! We are to take up His yoke of discipleship and learn from His holy life (Matt. 11:29). Our new life in Christ has an easy yoke and a burden that is light (v. 30). In following Him, we have the promise that we can come to Him with all of our daily burdens and He will hear our prayers and give us rest. Like little children who have faith in the heavenly Father, we are to approach Him and He will hear and bless us (Matt. 19:13-15).

Let us come to Him in prayer:

- a) For the lost around us, that they may be saved by grace (1 Timothy 2:1-5).
- b) For our governments, that we may lead peaceable lives in all godliness.
- c) With all our daily sorrows, burdens, temptations, and trials, to find rest for our souls.