



WEEKLY STUDY

Week Eight

In the final week of the And They Prayed series, Pastor Jacob returned to the verses in the first couple of chapters of Acts that detail the beginnings of a spiritual movement that still sweeps across the world today. Unity was on display in the crazy scenes created by the Holy Spirit. People who were every bit as diverse as we see today were united in the Spirit. They cared for one another, joined in one baptism, and created one people out of many. As we pray in the Spirit, we are placing the future in God's hands.

If you are studying with your Providence Small Group, you can share from daily readings as well as the additional questions at the bottom of this guide. If you would like to get connected to a Providence Small Group visit prov.church/signup and click on Small Groups.

Find a time each day to read the passage of scripture. Pray the prayer from the And They Prayed Series and then pray this prayer of trust.

*O God,
The future is in your hands. We pray for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.
We trust you to give us the power we need to follow you.
We trust you to bring healing to our brokenness.
We trust you to speak your truth over the lies of this world.
We trust you to save us, God.
Amen*

DAILY STUDY

MONDAY: 2 CHRONICLES 7.14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

- Dear God, I desire to know you more. Help me to fix my eyes on Jesus. Today, as best I know how, I give my whole life to you. Lead me. Heal me. Give me power. I will go wherever you want me to go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TUESDAY: EPHESIANS 6.18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- *Dear God, This journey is hard and sometimes I desire to give up and succumb to my circumstances. In these moments, God, please care for me and protect me. When I want to run into the wilderness and away from my life and my friends, meet me, God, and grant me refreshment and companionship for my weary soul. Help me to seek Your face and draw near to you. Strengthen me and uphold me with your righteous hand, I pray. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

WEDNESDAY: JAMES 5.13

Now Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

- *Dear God, I have felt the need for your intervention in my life. Thank you for hearing my cries and responding with your faithfulness. Today, I will stand in the gap for others. I lift them up to you now. My family, my friends, my neighbors, my church and the stranger on the street. Just as you have filled the gap created by sin in my own life, I place myself alongside those who are far away from you. May your mercy be present with those I name before you. May Jesus, our rescuer, save them and draw them to himself. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

THURSDAY: LUKE 18.1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

- *O God, there are times when I feel like a beggar sitting outside of your church. I can feel close and far away at the same time. There are times when I walk right by a person who is in need of a miracle. I can be unaware and selfish. There are times when I try to fix someone's problems with my own strength. My power is not enough. Help me, God, to seek you in prayer so that I might see your healing power at work through me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

FRIDAY: JAMES 5.16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

- *O God, hear the cries that come in the darkest moments. Allow me to see you moving even under the surface. Your love for me does not stop working just because the light is dim. I trust you, God, and believe in your power to change hearts—even mine. Amen.*

SATURDAY: 1 TIMOTHY 2.1-2

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

- *O God, We need the fresh wind of your Holy Spirit to bring life to our weary hearts. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit to rekindle the Jesus-movement in our homes, in our churches, in our land, and in the farthest reaches of this world. Amen.*

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

As you pray through the prayers this week, consider how your prayer patterns are formed. Share your prayer habits with your group and encourage one another.