

CROSS-CENTRED LIFE

Transformed into the
likeness
of Christ as we die daily

*Looking unto Jesus, the author
and finisher of our faith, who
for the joy that was set before
Him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and has
sat down at the right hand of
the throne of God.*

(Hebrews 12:2)

24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 10-16 April 2023

How do we stay focused on the Cross during everyday life? If there is anything we should be passionate about, it is the Gospel and the Cross of Christ. This week's prayer guide provides practical tips on how to revive our hearts to remain focused on the Cross.

MONDAY 10 APRIL 2023 FOLLOW JESUS

And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14:27).

Let us pray

- Thank God for the work of the Cross.
- Ask the Father to reveal the purpose of the Cross to all people in your neighbourhood and for willing hearts to take up their cross and follow Jesus as His disciples.
- ... *the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to those who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18).* Pray for the Cross to remain the source of unity and fellowship in the Church.

Practical tip

Begin each day with a Cross-focused prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to keep you focused on the Cross throughout your day.

TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023

OBEDIENCE

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. (Philippians 2:8).

Let us pray

- Thank Jesus that He obeyed God the Father to be delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God.
- Ask the Lord to open the eyes and hearts of the youth and young adults in your country, to stay humble and obedient to Him our Saviour and King, even unto the point of death (Hebrews 5:8).
- Pray for the youth and young adults in the Church to walk in obedience based on their love for the Lord (John 14:15).

Practical tip

Memorise Scripture daily and let this practice not be neglected.

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2023

DEAD TO SIN

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24).

Let us pray

- Thank the Lord Jesus that He died for the sins of the whole world.
- Pray for people in your city who are overcome by the weight of their sin. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to them as their Saviour.
- Ask the Lord to reveal His suffering on the Cross to the Church. Pray for the Church to be set free from sin and to become slaves of righteousness (Romans 6:18).

Practical tip

Practise speaking focused, Gospel truth to yourself.

The truth is I am forgiven in Christ. I have hope and access to the resurrection power through the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2023

POWER OF GOD

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you. (2 Corinthians 13:4).

Let us pray

- Pray that your daily conduct towards your leaders at school or at the office will bear witness that you have died with Christ and that you believe that Christ suffered, died and rose again.
- Ask the Lord that the Church will walk worthy of Him, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy (Colossians 1:10-11).
- Pray for the Father's kingdom to come and His will to be done among your leaders at school or at the office.

Practical tip

Sing Cross-focused songs day and night as the Holy Spirit leads you.

FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2023

LOVE OF GOD

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9).

Let us pray

- Thank God the Father for loving us and sending His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- Ask the Lord to reveal His manifested love to all prisoners through people ministering His love to them. Lord, Your Word says that if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us (1 John 4:12).
- Pray for Christian prisoners to boldly share the gospel with other inmates in testifying how God's love has transformed them.

Practical tip

Write out Cross-focused verses and post them on mirrors, cabinet doors, etc. Consider saving these verses on the home screen of your cell phone or tablet.

SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2023

CRUCIFY THE FLESH

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24).

Let us pray

- Pray for hearts in every nation to cry out to live in the Spirit and to walk in the Spirit.
- Willingly crucify your fleshly passions and desires.
- Ask the Lord to help world governments to focus on not becoming arrogant, infuriating one another, or being jealous of one another, but rather giving Him all the glory due to His name in their daily conduct. Pray for the Father's kingdom to come and His will to be done in world governments.

Practical tip

Set aside time to remember and reflect on the work of the Cross and how it has changed you.

Reading John 19 will help you focus on the work of the Cross.

SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

LOVE THE LORD

'AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' (Mark 12:30).

Let us pray

- Ask the Father, as families, for a desire to love Him from the very heart and core of your being, so that the deepest affection of your soul is securely centred with love on Him.
- Pray that you will be able to love Him with every fibre of your intellect and understanding so that your thoughts and ponderings turn into loving Him with an undivided mind.
- Pray for the households in your street, for the Father's kingdom to come and His will to be done in all families.

Practical tip

Increase your knowledge and understanding of the work Jesus performed on the Cross by engaging your mind. Study Scripture passages on the crucifixion and journal through passages in the Word that focus on the Cross e.g. Isaiah 53:3-6.
