



“After Peter’s proclamation of the Gospel at Pentecost, the church gathers in homes and then scatters into the streets of Jerusalem. Almost immediately the actions of these first-century disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, begin to ruffle the feathers of the religious elite. Join us as we begin this new series on Acts chapter 3, where the church begins to proclaim and practice living as the Spirit-filled body of Christ bringing to bear the Kingdom of Heaven on the world.”

DATE	SCRIPTURE	PRAYER
9/18	“Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.” Acts 3:1-2	<i>Father, when the disciples were on their way to worship you, you opened their eyes to see the man suffering. Open our eyes that we might see those suffering around us that we might alleviate that which you’ve called us to. Amen.</i>
9/19	“Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.” Acts 3:3	<i>Lord, so often we are so focused on the tasks at hand, our own things, that those who are in need have to reach out to us in order to get our attention. Help us to be more others-centered and see people as you see them. Amen.</i>
9/20	“And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.” Acts 3:4-5	<i>Lord, just as these disciples asked the lame man to look at them, you call us to look at you but in our shame, in our distractedness, in our idolatry, we find ourselves looking away. Fix our eyes, our attention on you at all times. Amen.</i>
9/21	“But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.” Acts 3:6-7	<i>Lord, we are called to be people who bring your Kingdom to bear on the world around us, but it is not us who acts, it is in your name alone that we are able to do anything. May we ever give glory to you for all you do through us. Amen.</i>
9/22	“And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms.” Acts 3:8-10a	<i>King Jesus, when we don’t take for granted all that you do in our lives, when we walk, leap and praise you for all you’ve done, the world watches and sees you as beautiful. Remind us of who you are, what you’ve done and fill our hearts with joy. Amen.</i>

Daily Prayers

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9/23	"And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him." Acts 3:10b	Lord, when we celebrate you, we bring glory to your name. We were made to lift you up, to share with the world how wonderful you are. When we do this, the world takes notice. May we praise you in whatever context we find ourselves in today. Amen.
9/24	"While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's." Acts 3:11	Father, it is not up to us to convince people to follow you. If we will but bear witness about what we've seen, heard and experienced, you will cause people to run to you. Remind us of this truth. Amen.
9/25	"And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: 'Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?'" Acts 3:12	Lord, so often I like to take the glory for myself. I like to take the credit, the accolades, the praise. But I can do nothing without you. Anything that is good in my life, any good that I've done is because of you choosing to work through me. Forgive me, Father, and help me to give glory to you, always. Amen.
9/26	"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him." Acts 3:13	Jesus, you have been the long-awaited Messiah since the beginning. The world waited for you for so long and yet, we regularly reject you, your message, your Gospel, your calling to follow our own path. Forgive us for our short memories and our disobedient hearts. Amen.
9/27	"But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses." Acts 3:14-15	Lord, so often we relegate the sins of the first-century Jewish leaders to the first-century, forgetting that we choose sinful idols over you all the time. Forgive us, Father, for our wayward hearts. Remind us of what we've seen and heard. Amen.
9/28	"And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all." Acts 3:16	Lord, just as you worked through the faith of the first-century disciples, you work through us when we have confidence in you. Give us strength to trust you at your word in whatever it is we face. Amen.
9/29	"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled." Acts 3:17-18	Father God, you are faithful. You have always been faithful. You do what you say you will do. Remind us of this truth when our world seems hopeless. Amen.
9/30	"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago." Acts 3:19-21	Lord, may we be quick to repent, to turn back to you that we may experience your peace, your refreshment. Amen.
10/1	"Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.'" Acts 3:22-23	Lord, when you speak, may we hear, listen and obey. Amen.

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10/2	<i>“And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’” Acts 3:24-25</i>	<i>Lord, it was your design from the beginning that all families would be blessed through your people, through the Hebrew people and then through your church. May we be a blessing to our world today. Amen.</i>
10/3	<i>“God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.” Acts 3:26</i>	<i>Lord, we are blessed when you actively engage our sinfulness. At times, it can be painful, but your wounds are to heal us, not to harm us. Turn us from our wickedness. Amen.</i>
10/4	<i>“And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.” Acts 4:1-2</i>	<i>Jesus, when we proclaim who you are and what you've done, the world looks at us like we are crazy. Remind us that we can only speak about what we've seen and heard. Amen.</i>
10/5	<i>“And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.” Acts 4:3-4</i>	<i>Jesus, Paul says that it is his desire to become like you even in suffering. So often, I want to be come holy like you, but not suffer like you did. Remove the idol of comfort, of safety from my heart and remind me that through righteous suffering others will hear the word and believe. Amen.</i>
10/6	<i>“On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Acts 4:5-7</i>	<i>Lord Jesus, when we live our lives like you ask us to, our lives demand an explanation. May we live holy lives unto you and give us words to explain how and why we live this way- “We do this through the power of Jesus Christ...” Amen.</i>
10/7	<i>“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.” Acts 4:8-10</i>	<i>Jesus, when we live our lives for you, it isn't our sinfulness that is questioned, it is our good deeds. In a world where generosity, kindness, even civility is so foreign, good deeds stand out. Help us not to avoid doing the good you call us to because of the persecution that may come. Amen.</i>
10/8	<i>“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.” Acts 4:11</i>	<i>Jesus, you are the cornerstone of our faith. Everything we see in Scriptures is seen through you, the Messiah. Remind us that it's all and only about you. Amen.</i>
10/9	<i>“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12</i>	<i>Jesus, salvation is found in you and you alone. Salvation from sin, from evil, from worry. Your salvation extends beyond the grave into our lives right now. Remind us that you have saved us, that you are saving us, that you will save us. Amen.</i>

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10/10	<i>“When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.” Acts 4:23</i>	<i>Lord, you’ve made us for community. When things happen to us in this world, we need people around us to remind us that we aren’t crazy. Thank you for the blessing of your body, your church. Amen.</i>
10/11	<i>“And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God...” Acts 4:24a</i>	<i>Lord, even when persecution comes, we can praise you together both as an expression of our hearts and as a reminder of who you are. May we praise you in all circumstances always. Amen.</i>
10/12	<i>“...and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit...” Acts 4:24b-25a</i>	<i>Creator God, we are ever in awe of you. May our prayers always begin by remembering who you are. Amen.</i>
10/13	<i>““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed””. Acts 4:25b-26</i>	<i>Lord, often when the world comes at us, it is really coming at you. Remind us that when we are persecuted for doing that which you have done and are doing, that we experience unity with Christ, with you. Amen.</i>
10/14	<i>“... for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.” Acts 4:27-28</i>	<i>Lord, often we do not see your plan, but it is our desire to trust in your character, not your plan. You are our hope, not the plan. Remind us of this regularly. Amen.</i>
10/15	<i>“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:29-30</i>	<i>Lord, we don’t ask you to take away our difficulties. We ask you to see them. It is our desire that your will be done, always. If it will further the Kingdom for us to endure suffering in this world, may we do it in a way that glorifies you. Our peace isn’t in our circumstances, but in you. Amen.</i>
10/16	<i>“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:31</i>	<i>Lord, fill us with your Spirit, give us confidence to go and do that which you’ve called us to do. Amen.</i>