

DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

POWER

We know that God is all-powerful, but did you know that we have access to that power? We can experience God's power in prayer, in being strong witnesses, in doing miracles, to fight Satan, and even in our suffering. You don't want to miss it, so this week you'll learn to access and embrace God's divine power. He did not give you a Spirit of timidity, but one of power!"

DAY 1

OUR LORD IS THE REAL POWER

"THERE IS A SIGNATURE OF WISDOM AND POWER IMPRESSED ON THE WORKS OF GOD, WHICH EVIDENTLY DISTINGUISHES THEM FROM THE FEEBLE IMITATIONS OF MEN. NOT ONLY THE SPLENDOR OF THE SUN, BUT THE GLIMMERING LIGHT OF THE GLOWWORM, PROCLAIMS HIS GLORY."

-JOHN NEWTON

New International Version

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

DAY 1

PRAY: Dear Lord, You have POWER in Your name, in Your actions, in Your authority and in Your being! I thank You that I can experience the power of Your outstretched arm! I don't have to be afraid for nothing is too hard for You! I should never question the power I have available to me to overcome outside forces, internal demons, and relational obstacles. It's amazing and overwhelming to know that because of Your power, I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me. Amen.

REFLECT: Have you ever thought about how powerful God is? This verse focuses on the overwhelming power of our loving, creative God, who made the heavens and the earth, and that nothing is too hard for Him. By His divine power God raised Jesus from the dead and He has given us everything we need, from food and work to knowledge and goodness. Jesus had the power to heal and do miracles and the Holy Spirit has the power to transform us from the inside out. Let's praise Him for His acts of power and for His surpassing greatness.

DAY 1

ACT: Ask yourself these four questions and pay attention to your honest answers: Do you truly believe that absolutely nothing is too hard for God? Do you believe that by His divine power, He has given you everything you need to live a godly life? Are you an eyewitness of His majesty? Do you praise Him for His acts of power and surpassing greatness? Can you answer these questions? If you hesitate, then how can you figure out how to answer each one with a powerful YES? Go through them again. Once you can say YES to all of these questions, you will experience the abundant life God offers to each of us as we worship His majesty.

DAY 2

THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME

"TO HOLY PEOPLE THE VERY NAME OF JESUS IS A NAME TO FEED UPON, A NAME TO TRANSPORT. HIS NAME CAN RAISE THE DEAD AND TRANSFIGURE AND BEAUTIFY THE LIVING."

-JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

New International Version

Psalms 150:2

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Psalms 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

John 17:11

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one."

DAY 2

PRAY: Oh Lord, no one is like You! You are great and Your name is mighty in power. I praise You for Your acts of power. My help is in the name of the Lord, and You are the maker of heaven and earth. Jesus, I thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to protect us, by the power of Your name. I praise You. Amen!

REFLECT: Have you ever thought about the power in a name? There are many people who change their name because they want a name with more meaning. Have you ever thought about why the name of God and Jesus are used so often as swear words? It's because they have power in them. No one says, "Oh Buddha" as a swear word or yells out "Hare Krishna" in anger, because those names have no power behind them. Yet without even knowing it, people all over the world use the name of God or Jesus in both heartfelt worship and in intense anger, because there is POWER in the name! How do you use the names of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

DAY 2

ACT: As you say the name of God or the name of Jesus, ponder the power behind those words. Be in awe that even with 2 billion other people in the world He loves you and He alone—no other entity—has the power to listen to you and answer your prayers. You, personally, can have conversations, arguments, and worship times with the One, True, invisible God—the most powerful being in the universe! Why? Because there is power in His name and you are trusting your life to Him. Talk to God right now and be aware of His power. Call out His name because you know your help is in the name of the Lord.

DAY 3

POWER TO HEAL AND DO MIRACLES

"WHEN JESUS PERFORMED MIRACLES,
HE WASN'T DEMONSTRATING WHAT
GOD CAN DO, BUT WHAT GOD CAN DO
THROUGH A MAN...IT IS INCONSISTENT
TO HAVE JESUS PAY A PRICE FOR
HEALING AND FOR US TO BELIEVE IT IS
NOT GOD'S INTENTION TO HEAL."

-BILL JOHNSON

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Psalms 77:14

You are the God who performs miracles; you
display your power among the peoples

Luke 9:1

When Jesus had called the Twelve together,
he gave them power and authority to drive
out all demons and to cure diseases.

DAY 3

PRAY: God in Heaven, who performs miracles, You display Your power amongst all people, You heal the sick and make the lame walk and the blind see, and You can even drive out demons! Lord, I want to personally experience Your almighty, divine power in my life. I want to see more miracles. I don't want to miss any miracles and healing that You have for me. Please show me more of Your power. Thank You for Your faithfulness. I pray in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

REFLECT: Do you fully embrace Jesus and His power? Are you content with your relationship with Him or do you want more? One of life's great tragedies is that many Christians never fully live the powerful, abundant life that God offers all of us. We often get complacent and drift along, going to church on Sundays, going to work during the week, and busying ourselves to death. Or worse yet, we've lost our awe of God and we don't even expect Him to show up, answer our prayers, or move in our lives. Who is Jesus to you today?

DAY 3

ACT: Right now, why don't you embrace Jesus fresh and new, and experience more of His power in your life? Re-commit your life to Him and ask Him to reveal more of Himself to you, including His healing, miracles, and power. And then expect Him to answer. Get ready for a new season with the Lord and don't stop telling Him that you want to see Him, feel Him, touch Him, hear Him, and have Him transform your life and the lives of the people around you, because of His POWER! He wants to share all of Himself with you!



DAY 4

PRAYER POWER

“DON'T PRAY WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT. HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE LORD AND KEEP IT. A MAN IS POWERFUL ON HIS KNEES.”
-CORRIE TEN BOOM

New International Version

Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

DAY 4

PRAY: God, I love to pray to You because there is power in Your name. You alone care enough to listen to everything I say or even think, and respond. Thank You for the gift and power of prayer. I can confess my sins and intercede for other people, and I can trust that my prayers are powerful and effective. Strengthen me out of Your glorious riches, through Your Spirit, so that I may be established in love and have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. I pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

REFLECT: Why do you pray to God? Is it to get everything you want? Or is it because you understand the power of conversing with the Almighty Creator who loves you so much that He listens and answers! There is nothing more beautiful, exciting, and powerful than experiencing answered prayer—a healed friend, an unexpected check in the mail, a puppy found, a parent surviving an accident. Have you ever experienced the life-changing power of prayer? You will be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God!

DAY 4

ACT: Choose to focus on the power of prayer right now. Go to a sick friend, colleague, or neighbor and pray boldly for their healing, whether they believe in God or not. Pray for something you haven't had the guts to pray for, or for someone you care about to become a Christian. Pray for a miracle today, expecting answers and not doubting God. Get out of your comfort zone and grow your prayer life by believing in the power of prayer, like never before!



DAY 5

BREAKING SATAN'S POWER

"BUT HAVE WE HOLY SPIRIT POWER – POWER THAT RESTRICTS THE DEVIL'S POWER, PULLS DOWN STRONGHOLDS AND OBTAINS PROMISES? DARING DELINQUENTS WILL BE DAMNED IF THEY ARE NOT DELIVERED FROM THE DEVIL'S DOMINION. WHAT HAS HELL TO FEAR OTHER THAN A GOD-ANOINTED, PRAYER-POWERED CHURCH?"
-LEONARD RAVENHILL

New International Version

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

DAY 5

PRAY: Dear God, don't let me be afraid of the power of the enemy. You are more powerful than the devil! When a person turns on me, remind me it's not a struggle against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. As powerful as the enemy is, he is not more powerful than You, or You in me! Thank You that You can give me an unoffendable heart! Amen.

REFLECT: Christians believe that God is more powerful than Satan, but we get confused and often blame people instead of the devil. When someone hurts you, do you get mad at them, or do you realize it could be Satan using them to hurt or discourage you? Jesus said on the cross, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." He knew it was the enemy who causes people to do horrible things, not men. Can you stop blaming people for evil actions of the enemy? Our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil.

DAY 5

ACT: What areas of your life does Satan have a hold on you? What or who are you afraid of or angry at? Write a list of anything the enemy is holding you back from or telling you lies about. Next to that list, write down how God is more powerful. Compare your list of what the enemy is doing and what God can do and then ask the Lord to break the power of Satan over you. Call on the power of your God, don't blame people, and never give Satan any room to try to use you. Then you can have an unoffendable heart and be victorious!



DAY 6

POWER IN SUFFERING

"I MEDITATE AND PRAY ALL THE TIME. THE FAITH AND RESPECT THAT I HAVE IN THE POWER OF GOD IN MY LIFE IS WHAT I'VE USED TO KEEP MYSELF GROUNDED, AND IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE STORMS THAT WERE IN MY LIFE."

-HALLE BERRY

New International Version

Isaiah 40:29

He gives strength to the weary and
increases the power of the weak.

DAY 6

PRAY: Heavenly Father, I thank You that You give me power even in my suffering. You give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. I give You the glory in my sufferings, because my suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. That's Your power working in me and through me. So, I acknowledge Your power in my life always, even when I'm weak or suffering. Your promise gives me the strength to go on! This hope will not disappoint me, ever! Amen and Amen.

REFLECT: Do you believe that God is all-powerful and has poured out His love to you through the Holy Spirit? You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. But have you ever thought about God's power both in and through your suffering? God continues to surprise us with amazing truths that defy worldly intelligence. He can even increase the power of the weak. God is with us always, in every situation—even when we're suffering! He tells us that we glory in our sufferings. Just like Jesus gloried in His suffering, we can do the same. How would your life change if you could truly praise God amid suffering?

DAY 6

ACT: Is there any area where you are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually? Can you visualize embracing God's divine power that would squelch any fear or weakness? God is offering to fill you with His power, love, and self-discipline anytime, especially if you are suffering for the gospel. Praise Him and thank Him that it is producing perseverance in you which creates character, and character, hope. And His hope does not disappoint you. Now that's power! You are a child of God who has access to His almighty power—even in your suffering! Accept His power right now!

DAY 7

GOD'S POWER IN HOLLYWOOD

"THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS COMPLETELY OPPOSITE TO THE WORLD'S POWER. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES GOD'S CHILDREN THE ABILITY TO SERVE HIS PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN THE WORLD. ONLY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN TRANSFORM US, RELIEVE OUR GUILT, AND HEAL OUR SOULS."

-MICHAEL YOUSSEF

New International Version

Psalms 68:35

You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

DAY 7

PRAY: God, I am so thankful to end my week understanding Your amazing power in and through me! Thank You for giving me power through the Holy Spirit so that I can be Your witness wherever I am, including Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Hollywood! We need more witnesses in Hollywood, who exude Your power. Please give the Christians there the Holy Spirit in order to lead the decision-makers to You. I pray right now that the non-Christian entertainment professionals will experience Your power and strength. In Jesus' name! Amen.

REFLECT: Christians need God's power and strength to be bold witnesses, even to the ends of the earth. Hollywood is surely between Jerusalem and the ends of the earth, so Christians should be there with God's power, to share their faith as His witnesses. Think of that kind of power! If we believe in, and don't question God's power, then we would never question sending His people to be witnesses anywhere, even to Hollywood.

DAY 7

ACT: Take 5 minutes and pray for the Lord to send powerful witnesses to Hollywood as excellent professionals and bold witnesses. Pray Jesus transforms Hollywood, the world's most influential mission field, through strong witnesses who love the people who live and work there. There are now over 10,000 Christians in Hollywood who need your prayers! Help them make an eternal difference through the power of the Holy Spirit, and see God move!

