

DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

WORSHIP

My friend and national prayer leader, Daniel Henderson, has three ideals for meaning and victory in our lives. He says Worship + Integrity + Nonconformity = WIN. This week we're focusing on WORSHIP, as the key ingredient to being a winner! Spend this week worshiping the Lord and giving all the glory to Him.

DAY 1

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

"PROPER WORSHIP IS CENTRAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF REALITY, THE ARTS, AND IT AFFECTS EVERYONE, CHRISTIANS AND NON-CHRISTIANS. CULTURE IS AFFECTED BY HOW WE WORSHIP GOD. BY "PROPER WORSHIP," I MEAN A DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTOLOGICAL WAY OF LOOKING AT GOD, THE WORLD AND OURSELVES THAT IS DRIVEN BY UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE."

-MAKOTO FUJIMURA

2 Chronicles 5:13

New International Version

The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud

DAY 1

PRAY: Lord, You are good and Your love endures forever! May the trumpets blare and the musicians play the cymbals and other instruments. Let the singers raise their voices in praise to You. And I sing out with them, "He is good; His love endures forever." Amen.

REFLECT: What a glorious week ahead. Have you ever spent a full week just worshiping the Lord? Experience it fully this week and notice how the rest of your days are impacted by starting each one with praise and thanks, all in an attitude of worship. Do you see a difference in your conversations, your attitude, and even your productivity? Get ready for a glorious week as you praise God with music, dance, art, creativity and love!

ACT: Commit to worshiping God all day, every day this week. Put aside any requests and complaining, and just worship the Lord. Take time to kneel, stand, sit, lay down, close your eyes, raise your arms, dance, play an instrument, read the scriptures and sing out loud. Be bold, adventurous, and even risky as you worship. Step outside of your usual worship habits. Worship is not just singing songs in church, it's using your entire body, mind, and soul, focusing on and praising the Lord. Commit this entire week to WORSHIPING your GOD!

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONG: "You Are Good" by Israel Houghton & The New Breed

DAY 2

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

"WITHOUT WORSHIP, WE GO ABOUT
MISERABLE. WE MUST NEVER REST UNTIL
EVERYTHING INSIDE US WORSHIPS GOD."

-A.W. TOZER

New International Version

Psalms 95:7

For he is our God and we are the people
of his pasture, the flock under his care.
Today, if you hear his voice

Psalms 99:5

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his
footstool; he is holy

Psalms 100:2

Worship the Lord with gladness; come
before him with joyful songs.

DAY 2

PRAY: Dear Lord my Maker, I come to You in an attitude of worship and I bow down to You and kneel before You. I praise You as a person of Your pasture. You are my God and I thank You that I am under Your care. I want to hear Your voice. I exalt You and worship at Your footstool; for You are holy. I worship You with gladness and I come before You with joyful songs. Selah! Amen.

REFLECT: It's awesome to think about God as our Maker, our Creator, and to think about being under His care. But what does it mean to you to say that your God is HOLY? Think about these synonyms and what they mean to you in referring to God: sacred, consecrated, hallowed, sanctified, sacrosanct, venerated, revered, divine, blessed, and dedicated. Some of these words may help you to hear more clearly the voice of your Holy God.

ACT: Can you physically worship God now by bowing down or getting on your knees? Use your whole body to worship God. If you're bowing, think about worshiping God at His footstool. If you're kneeling, raise your hands to heaven and sing out a joyful song. Don't be intimidated, just worship the God of the Universe. Bring all of your senses into your worship: visualize Him, reach up to touch Him, sing out praises to Him, smell His sweet aroma, and feel His presence. Worship your holy God with gladness!

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONG: "Come Worship The Lord" by John Michael Talbot

DAY 3

WORSHIP GOD AS YOU EAT AND DRINK

"WORSHIP IS OUR RESPONSE TO THE
OVERTURES OF LOVE FROM THE HEART OF
THE FATHER."

-RICHARD FOSTER

Exodus 23:25

New International Version

Worship the Lord your God, and his
blessing will be on your food and
water. I will take away sickness from
among you

DAY 3

PRAY: My Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name! I worship You today in everything I do, but especially whenever I'm eating or drinking. Would You focus my thoughts on You at every meal? I praise You for blessing my food and taking away sickness from me by keeping me well fed and healthy. I eat every meal today in an attitude of worship to You, not taking for granted one bite of the food that You provide for me. And I do it all in Jesus name, Amen.

REFLECT: Have you ever thought that eating meals and drinking can be worship? Every snack can be a worshipful meal to God. And have you thanked God every day for not being sick? What would it be like to worship God in everything that you do? Have you just limited worship to the singing portion of church each week? How can you turn every meal and every moment of your life into a worship experience? And how would that radically change your health and your life?

DAY 3

ACT: Take a moment before each meal today to just stop and worship the Lord. And then worship Him with each bite, remembering that He is the one who supplies us our daily bread. Maybe you can say the Lord's Prayer as you eat. And every day, thank Him for your health and every meal that He supplies for you. Remember that He tells you that as you worship Him His blessing is upon your food and water and He will take away sickness from you!

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONG:
"When All Thy Mercies" by Fernando Ortega

DAY 4

PRAISE THE FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

"FATHER OF THE FATHERLESS, WE NEED YOU,
WE NEED YOU AGAIN."

-JASON UPTON

New International Version

Psalms 103:1

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost
being, praise his holy name.

Psalms 68:4-5

Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol
him who rides on the clouds – his name is
the Lord – and rejoice before him. A father
to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is
God in his holy dwelling.

DAY 4

PRAY: I Praise You Lord, from my soul, from my inmost being, I praise Your holy name. I sing in praise of Your name, oh God, and I rejoice before You, who rides on the clouds. Thank You that You are a Father to the fatherless and a defender of widows. I worship You, God, in Your holy dwelling. I need You. I need You again. Amen.

REFLECT: How big is your God? Does your God ride on the clouds? Is He a Father to the fatherless? Do you believe He defends the widows and orphans? Have you ever imagined what His holy dwelling is like? Think big today and believe in a God who is so much more amazing, personal, protective, loving, and all knowing than you ever before thought about. Praise your heavenly Father in your inmost being and praise His holy name! Isn't that exciting?

ACT: Today, worship God with each person that you see, each conversation that you have, and everyone that you pass in your car, or on your bike, or jogging past on your run. Focus on worshiping and praising God out in the world where God is riding on the clouds above you. Turn every moment into a moment of worship to God, the Father of the Fatherless, in your inmost being.

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONG:

"A Father's Prayer" by James Covell

DAY 5

WORSHIP HIM WITH MUSIC

"A FEW MINUTES AGO EVERY TREE WAS
EXCITED, BOWING TO THE ROARING STORM,
WAVING, SWIRLING, TOSSING THEIR
BRANCHES IN GLORIOUS ENTHUSIASM LIKE
WORSHIP. BUT THOUGH TO THE OUTER EAR
THESE TREES ARE NOW SILENT, THEIR
SONGS NEVER CEASE."

-JOHN MUIR

New International Version

Psalms 98:4-6

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst
into jubilant song with music; make music
to the Lord with the harp, with the harp
and the sound of singing, with trumpets
and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for
joy before the Lord, the King.

DAY 5

PRAY: Lord, I thank You for the gift of music as the language of the soul, because it is the most joyous way to worship You. I thank You for all kinds of music and how each different kind touches my heart in a unique way. I thank You for the gift of singing jubilant songs, and the joy of clapping our hands. You say even the rivers clap their hands and the mountains sing together for joy. Oh Lord, let the whole world sing in worship to You. Amen.

REFLECT: Reflect on what music means to you. Michael W. Smith says, "I think worship is a lifestyle, first of all." How does worship affect your everyday life? Have you ever thanked God for the musicians who perform the music you love? Have you prayed for them and asked the Lord to fill their hearts with love and worship? As professional musicians offer the world their gift of music, can you ask the Lord to fill them with His joy?

DAY 5

ACT: Choose three musicians or music groups who have impacted your life with their songs. Would you commit to pray for them and thank the Lord for them? If they aren't believers, pray for the Lord to come into their lives and transform them into people of worship. As you worship the Lord today, lift up the music professionals around the world and ask for them to have an encounter with the God of the Universe who created the joyful gift of music and gave them their gifts and talents. The music business offers God's gift to people across the globe, so when you pray for musicians, you are impacting the world.

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONG:

"Sing a New Song" by Glad

DAY 6

DON'T WORSHIP OTHER GODS

"HUMAN BEINGS ARE AT THEIR CORE
DEFINED BY WHAT THEY WORSHIP RATHER
THAN PRIMARILY BY WHAT THEY THINK,
KNOW, OR BELIEVE. THAT IS BOUND UP
WITH THE CENTRAL AUGUSTINIAN CLAIM
THAT WE ARE WHAT WE LOVE."

-DALLAS WILLARD

New International Version

Deuteronomy 11:16

Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn
away and worship other gods and bow
down to them.

Luke 4:8

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship
the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

DAY 6

PRAY: Lord, please don't ever let me turn away from You to worship false gods. I never want to bow down to anyone or anything other than You – no idol, man, or image. Rather, help me to worship You, Lord, for it is You who will deliver me from the hand of all of my enemies. Thank You for Your protection and strength to keep my eyes only on You. I want to always just worship You and serve You only! And I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

REFLECT: Who are you worshiping? What encroaches on your time with God? Does your phone distract you from keeping your eyes on Jesus? Is technology or God your main passion? Who do you serve? Are there distractions or a misplaced passion that takes you away from spending time with God? Be careful not to turn away from God and worship other gods and bow down to them. Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only!

DAY 6

ACT: Write down the two things or people you are most passionate about. It could be a spouse, a hobby, a sport, a pastor, a spiritual mentor, or even a video game or your phone. After writing them down, ask the Lord to show you if they have become more important to you than Him. At first you will instinctively say, "Of course not, nothing is more important than my relationship with God!" But think again and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if you are solid with Him or if those things have crept in to begin replacing your priority to seek the Lord. Be honest with yourself and be confirmed in either your service and faithfulness to Him or your need to readjust your heart and your priorities.

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONG:

"I Will Praise Him Still" by Fernando Ortega

DAY 7

GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD

"THERE IS PLENTY OF TELEVISION. THERE ARE PLENTY OF TALK SHOWS. THERE ARE PLENTY OF COMEDIANS. BUT THERE IS NOT PLENTY OF WORSHIP OF THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD."

-CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

New King James Version

Psalms 105:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Psalms 86:9

All nations whom You have made
Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.

DAY 7

PRAY: I worship You and give praise to You, oh Lord! I proclaim Your name and make it known among the nations what You have done for me and for the world. I pray that all the nations You have made will come and worship before You, Lord, so that they will bring glory to Your name! Amen and Amen.

REFLECT: Are you sharing your love for the Lord with other people? As you worship Him, does that overflow into your other relationships, conversations, and situations? Reflect on how you can be more effective in making your love for the Lord contagious to others! Lift up the name of the Lord to let all nations come to know Him and bring glory to His name. How perfect of God to have our worship for Him be a part of His great commission to the world.

DAY 7

ACT: Choose one practical way to share your love for the Lord with someone else, through your worship. Thank God for the people He's put in your life who don't yet know Him, invite one of them to church to experience the worship time in your service, and show you worship the Lord with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Tell someone about the worship music you love, or how you may worship Him in the car, in the shower, in any crazy place that someone wouldn't expect. Share your times of worship with others so that the nations will hear and give glory to the Lord. Be excited about worshiping the Lord!

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONG:

"This is Living Now" by Hillsong Young and Free