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5 DAILY

PRAYERS

TO CULTIVATE A

SERVANT'S

HEART

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Day 1

Philippians

4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Day 1

Philippians

4: 10-13

10 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. 11 Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Day 1

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you so much for sending me Your Son. Not only did He die on the cross to save me from my sins, but He also showed me a new way to live. His death was the greatest gift of all, the ultimate act of service. Lord, I know you call me to serve you. I know you call me to serve others. But I struggle at times. It's so easy to be selfish, to be lazy, to put off service until another day. Forgive me for these failures. I want to be like Christ, but I can't do it alone. Change my heart, Lord. Open my eyes today to see the opportunities around me to serve you and to serve my neighbor. I can do all things through Your Son, who strengthens me. In the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit I pray. Amen.

Day 2

Psalm

8: 1-4

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Day 2

Psalm

8: 5-9

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than
God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
6 You have given them dominion over the works
of your hands; you have put all things under
their feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the
beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the
fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of
the seas.
9 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Day 2

Prayer

Oh, gracious God! Thank you for giving me another glorious day. When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the sun and the clouds that You have established; who am I? How can You care for me? Yet You have crowned me with glory and honor. And how do I repay that honor? With a selfish heart. Forgive me, Lord, for my sin of selfishness. Prepare my heart for service, and guide me to serve You better. I want to glorify Your name in all that I do. In Your name I pray, Amen.

Romans

12: 9-18

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Day 3

Prayer

My loving God! Thank you so much for the spouse You have given me. He is everything I could have wanted in a husband, and so much more. You call Your children to love one another with mutual affection and to outdo each other in showing honor. But I fear I fail both You and my husband in following this command. Forgive me for not loving my spouse as I should. Guide me as I strive to be a better wife. Show me ways to serve my husband, to love him daily. He is the greatest blessing in my life, second only to the love of You and Your Son. Thank You for my marriage, and the many blessings You bestow upon us. In everything I do, let it be to Your glory. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Matthew

25: 31-36

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Matthew

25: 37-40

37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Matthew

25: 41-46

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Day 4

Prayer

God Most High, I give thanks to You with my whole heart. I tell the world of all Your wonderful deeds. I am glad in you. I exult in you. I sing praises in your name. But do my actions match my words? Do I feed the hungry and clothe the naked? Do I welcome strangers and visit the sick? Forgive me when my words ring hollow. Forgive me for not serving You well. Guide me along the path of righteousness. Remind me to glorify You through service and not words alone. I ask this in the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Day 5

Galatians

5: 22-26

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to

Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Day 5

Prayer

Oh, Spirit of Life, how empty I would feel without You. I don't always have the right words for God, but I take comfort in knowing You understand my prayers anyway. Forgive me when I stumble, when

I want to do things my way and not God's way. Teach me to find joy and peace in serving Her. Let God's love shine through my actions as I follow Her will. Spirit of Holiness, thank you for filling me daily, for guiding me towards self-control. I pray this in the name of God of Peace. Amen.