

# PRAY THE BOOK OF JOHN • JOHN 1-12

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## PRAY THE BOOK OF JOHN

John 1

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Father God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would know you and your son, Jesus Christ. Oh, how I pray for the life that only you can offer through Jesus to permeate \_\_\_\_\_'s life – heart and mind. May she find your "light."

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12Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Father God, thank you for the gift of inheritance. You gave us the "right to become [your] children." I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would believe in your name.

Commit to pray this prayer every hour on the hour today!

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29The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 32Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

Father God, I think about \_\_\_\_\_'s testimony. I pray that her story would reveal your love and your glory. May her words and her actions always point to you - revealing your power and your touch.

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37When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39"Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

Father God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would call you teacher just as these disciples. I pray that he would seek you and when he finds you, stop and spend the day with you. I just pray for many moments of conversation between you two. May he see you as a close friend!

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47When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." 48"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." 50Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." 51He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Father God, I pray for a similar circumstance in \_\_\_\_\_'s life. May she experience your call, your knowing her and then declare you as her Lord and Savior. May she also see the "greater things." Though I realize I could be praying for good things as well as struggles, I pray for no gift unopened in \_\_\_\_\_'s life. May she know you, all of you!

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John 2

13When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

17His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Father God, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_'s "zeal for your house". What is important to you, may it be important to her. May she stand up and act in strength to those that work against you. I pray that she would be a valiant warrior in your army!

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John 2

7Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." 11This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Father God, you are the best, and you offer the best. I pray for such extravagance in \_\_\_\_\_'s life. May you turn his water into wine countless times! Give it all to him – all of you, your vision, your love and your treasures!

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John 3

9"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. 10"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Father God, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_'s acceptance of your testimony – that he would believe and enter the gift of eternal life and relationship with you. I pray that he would delight you with his belief and that you would reveal many "heavenly things" to him. May you and he walk closely together!

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16"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

May \_\_\_\_\_ live in the truth of Jesus! May she walk in your light and live the extravagant results of such a step! Thank you for this gift of life and freedom from condemnation.

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John 4

13Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Father God, thank you for the living water you offer to us all. If \_\_\_\_\_ chooses to accept it, she will never thirst. Oh, how I pray she accepts your love and life!

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27To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. 28You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' 29The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30He must become greater; I must become less.

Father God, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_'s waiting and listening. I pray that he would know your voice and experience like John the joy found in Jesus. May he walk in humility and love of the one who has saved him.

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John 4

34"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Father God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ could say the same. His food is to do your will; may nothing else satisfy him. Open his eyes to see your fields. May he harvest all that you give him!

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5One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" 7"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

Father God, so many times we either don't want to get well or we believe it is up to us to make it happen. Like the invalid, we waste so much energy racing for the healing waters instead of seeking you for our healing. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would seek you in her moments of need. You are the way and the answer to her every pain.

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16When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. 18A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. 19When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. 20But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." 21Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Father God, it was Jesus walking on the water! What an amazing sight that must have been for the disciples – to be so close to the power and mystery of you. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would believe in this power and that in the midst of any storm, her mind and heart would rest looking for you. You rescue her; may she not be afraid.

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37And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, 38nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. 39You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Father God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would "come to you to have life." I pray for his belief! May he know you in rich relationship not know about you through practiced religion.

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John 6

35Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. 36But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. 37All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

Father God, you have given us Jesus, our bread and our water. He is our way to life. We will never be hungry or thirsty. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would sit in this reality. You are his life; nothing else will satisfy. All else is a futile attempt. Father, I pray this truth over \_\_\_\_\_.

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53 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

Father God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would feed on you! May she choose Jesus as her way to life. I pray for an extravagant friendship between you two, some truly extravagant "remaining." I pray for a focused and unswerving heart to you.

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John 7

37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Father God, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_'s belief, and I pray for an extravagant outpouring of your spirit over her life. I pray that she would receive and revel in the gifts of the spirit – the guidance, the encouragement, the wisdom and the confirmation. Use her as a mighty vessel of your spirit!

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66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Father God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would run to you. I pray that like Peter he will say "where else shall I go? You are the one who gives life, and I believe you are the Holy One of God."

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John 8

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Father God, you offer us the "light of life." May \_\_\_\_\_ never take this for granted. May he know you deeply and celebrate the light that he lives within. Free him and protect him from any moments of darkness.

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John 8

34Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father."

Father God, you have freed us from slavery and given us an inheritance as your sons and daughters. We are no longer slaves; we are heirs to your eternal kingdom! I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would accept this gift and have abundant "room for your word" in her mind and heart. May she walk in your freedom!

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John 9

35Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Father God, I celebrate the simplicity of belief in this man. When facing the accusers, he simply said – I don't know what you are trying to make of him. All I know is that I was blind and now I see. I pray for such simplicity in \_\_\_\_\_'s decision. Bring her to sight, dear Father. Free her from the blindness!

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John 8

42Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. . . . 47He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Father God, I pray that you would be \_\_\_\_\_'s father. I pray for a close belonging and knowing. May you and all that you are be perfectly clear in his life! May \_\_\_\_\_ hear what you have to say! May he carry out your desires!

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John 10

3The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

Father God, thank you that you have named \_\_\_\_\_. He is your creation and one whom you passionately and desperately love. You have gone to great extents to show this love, and I celebrate each step. I pray that in return \_\_\_\_\_ would know your voice and follow it. May he know intimately what you feel and sound like as you speak in, around and through him.

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John 10

7Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Father God, you are the good shepherd. You care, tend, and protect each of us as your sheep. I think of Psalm 100:3 where you say "we are your people, the sheep of your pasture." Thank you! May \_\_\_\_\_ choose the way of Jesus and experience this "life to the full" that only you can offer. May he stay in your pasture, within your boundary lines, and experience the benefit of such places!

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John 11

9Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. 10It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."

Father God, Jesus had just decided in this situation to walk back into a danger zone. He was returning to Judea, a place where the Jews had tried to stone him. His focus was sure; I walk by the light, therefore, I am safe. I will not stumble. I pray for \_\_\_\_\_'s steps. In moments of danger and threat, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would walk as Jesus did, courageous and focused in the light of your truth.

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John 11

1Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 3So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." 4When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." 5Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

Father God, the story of Lazarus is a confusing one for many. If Jesus loved him, why did wait to help him? But you, Father God had perfect timing and a perfect reason. So, I pray that in \_\_\_\_\_'s life she will rest in your timing and reason. Though the way will be cloudy and your silence deafening at times, I pray for unswerving hope and steady steps always pressing into you and listening for your voice.

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John 11

43When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Father God, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would believe and walk in the freedom of your love. I pray that she would take off her "grave clothes" and keep them off. Protect her from Satan's attempts to put those "grave clothes" back on through her doubt, despair, disappointment or disease. I pray for a walk of freedom, a walk of freedom!

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John 12

1Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Father God, Mary offered an extravagant gift to Jesus – one of great expense and humility. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would emulate Mary. I pray that he would offer back to you such extravagance of his resources and heart. May his house and all of those he walks in carry the fragrance of such a life of sacrifice and humility.

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John 12

12The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the King of Israel!" 14Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,

15"Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

Father God, you have come and are coming back! What a picture of your power and authority, humility and love. Seated on a donkey, you enter just as it had been written, those around you shouting – "King and Lord." I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would capture the magnitude of this picture of who you are!