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FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH

John 1:14

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

READING

John 1:1-28

PRAYER

Glorious Father,

I thank You that You are with me. Thank You for Your grace that You so richly pour out on me. I don't deserve such lavishness, but I am truly grateful. Lead me by Your grace and truth today.

Amen.

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LOOK! THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

READING

John 1:29-51

PRAYER

O Lamb of God,
By Your sacrifice for me on the cross, You took away my sins
and gave me Your righteousness.
I look to You now. Help me point others to You
today by my words, my actions and my love.
Amen.

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DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU

John 2:5

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

READING

John 2:1-25

PRAYER

Jesus,

Thank you that You are my Miracle Worker.
Nothing is impossible with You. I want to take part in
the miracles all around me. Give me courage to listen
to and obey whatever You tell me to do.

Amen.

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DAY 4

SENT TO SAVE

John 3:17

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

READING

John 3:1-21

PRAYER

Precious Savior,

Thank You that You came into the world to save me, not to shame or condemn me. You are my Salvation. Grant me Your grace to see the places in my life where the enemy tries to condemn me, and remind me that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

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DAY 5

DECREASING TO GREATNESS

John 3:30

³⁰ He must become greater; I must become less.

READING

John 3:1-21

PRAYER

O Great God,

You are high and lifted up. You are seated on Your Throne in Heaven and You bid me come with boldness and by Your grace. Thank You that You are the Great One, so I don't have to be. Hide me behind the shadow of Your cross.

Amen.

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DAY 6

SPIRIT AND TRUTH

John 4:24

²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship
in the Spirit and in truth.

READING

John 4:1-42

PRAYER

Jesus,

You are the way, the truth and the life. You are worthy
of my worship. Help me to come to You without pretense
or worry about outward appearances. I desire
to worship in spirit and truth.

Amen.

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DAY 7

TAKE ME AT MY WORD

John 4:50

⁵⁰ "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

READING

John 4:43-54

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank You that You were the Word at the beginning and Your words are still with me today. Thank You that there is power in Your words. Your words are true. Help me to take You at Your word and believe that what You say You will do.

Amen.

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GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING

DAY 8

John 5:17

¹⁷ "My Father is always at his work to this very day,
and I too am working."

READING

John 4:43-54

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You that You are always at work in and through me
and all around me. You never stop working. Even in the
waiting, You are working. Give me eyes to see, with an
eternal perspective, the work that is happening all around
me. Show me how to work with You.

Amen.

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A WEIGHTIER TESTIMONY

DAY 9

John 5:36

^{36b} For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.

READING

John 5:31-47

PRAYER

Sovereign Lord,

Thank You that every one of Your simple acts or great miracles bear witness to the compassionate heart of God.

Thank You that You are merciful in all You do. I seek to give You glory for the great things You have done and will do. Would the works I do also testify to Your goodness in this world.

Amen.

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THE MIRACLE STARTS WITH GRATITUDE

DAY 10

John 6:11

¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

READING

John 6:1-21

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
You are the God of abundance. Never running out, always overflowing. I offer to You today my "fish and loaves", and ask You to multiply them like only You can. I follow Jesus' example and give thanks before the miracle.

Thank You God.

Amen.

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BREAD OF LIFE

DAY 11

John 6:35

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

READING

John 6:22-59

PRAYER

Jesus,

You are the Bread of Life. You satisfy and sustain. You are Living Water. You refresh and fill. I never hunger or thirst when I come to You. Help me come to You for the nourishment that my soul needs, that only You can give.

Refresh me. Sustain me. Satisfy me. Fill me.

Amen.

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WHERE ELSE WOULD I GO?

DAY 12

John 6:68

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."

READING

John 6:60-71

PRAYER

Eternal Lord,

Where would I go, but to You, O Lord? You meet me in my deepest needs and my greatest joys. You speak life over me. Deepen my faith to see You as the only and best place to go in every moment of my life. You are my ever-present help.

Amen.

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TRUSTING GOD'S TIMING

DAY 13

John 7:30

³⁰ At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

READING

John 7:1-31

PRAYER

Dear God,

You are trustworthy. Your timing is perfect. Help me to remember that You are never late, seldom early, but always right on time. I surrender my "timetable" and trust in Yours.

Amen.

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FLOWING FROM WITHIN

John 7:38

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

READING

John 7:32-53

PRAYER

Lord,

Thank You for Your Living Water that satisfies me and fills me up to overflowing. Thank You that rivers of living water flow from within me when I believe in You and trust in You.

Allow me to be a conduit of Your living water to the dry places around me, as You are watering the dry places within me. I see the new thing You are doing; making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert (Is. 43:19).

Amen.

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

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."

DAY 15

READING

John 8:1-30

PRAYER

Precious Lord,

Thank You that You are the Light of the World. Thank You that I can follow You and never walk in darkness, but carry the light of life. Search my heart for any dark places and light them up. I want to be a city on a hill, shining Your Light to the dark world around me.

Amen.

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SET FREE

John 8:36

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

DAY 16

READING

John 8:31-59

PRAYER

Jesus,

You set me free and I am free indeed. Not partly, not kind of, but fully free. I am unbound from the things that once held me captive. I am set free from the things that once kept me imprisoned. I release any fears, any lies, any thoughts that are not life-giving and receive Your freedom.

Your freedom is life.

Amen.

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WHILE IT'S STILL DAY

John 9:4

⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

DAY 17

READING

John 9:1-41

PRAYER

Jesus,

Thank You that You are my example of a worker. Help me work with all my heart to honor You as long as I have breath in my lungs. Show me work that needs to be done around me. Remind me that there is work that only I can do, work that You have prepared in advance for me to do.

Thank you for calling and equipping.

Amen.

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ABUNDANT LIFE

John 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

DAY 18

READING

John 10:1-21

PRAYER

Mighty God,

You are the God of abundance. Never running out. You are Life and desire for me to live abundantly right now. Help me see the places where the thief is trying to steal from me. Maybe my joy. Maybe my contentment. Maybe my confidence. Maybe my delight in You. Give me back the fullness of life. Help me find full satisfaction in You.

Amen.

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IN HIS GRIP

John 10:28

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
no one will snatch them out of my hand.

DAY 19

READING

John 10:22-42

PRAYER

Dear Loving Shepherd,
Thank You that I am safe in Your strong hands. Thank You
that the hands that created the world, also hold me securely.
My security in You will never end. Help me experience
great comfort, in this moment, knowing that I will
always be held by You.
Amen.

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RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 10:25

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

READING

John 11:1-27

PRAYER

Jesus,

To have You is to have resurrection and life. I trust You as the source of life now and forever. I declare that I believe You are who You say You are. I am grateful to live with You now and spend forever with You in eternity.

Amen.

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OFF WITH THE OLD, WALK IN THE NEW

John 11:44

⁴⁴ The 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."

READING

John 11:28-57

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

I praise You because You are the Resurrection and the Life. You long to see me, Your child, living fully in the freedom You died to give me. Search my heart and show me places where I am not fully living and give me courage to take off those things that are not giving me life. If necessary, use people around me to help me get unbound.

Amen.

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EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

John 12:3

³ Then 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.

READING

John 12:1-26

PRAYER

Jesus,
Your love for me is so extravagant, so abundant, so selfless,
so sacrificial. I desire to love You that way. I desire
to love others that way. Intersect my moments, today,
with opportunities to love extravagantly. Help me carry
the aroma of Christ to everyone around me. I bow at
Your feet in humble surrender. Use me.
Amen.

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CHRIST LIFTED UP

John 12:32

³² "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

READING

John 12:27-50

DAY 23

PRAYER

Jesus my Savior,
You are high and lifted up. You are Great and greatly to be
praised. I exalt You and praise You, my King of Kings. I pray
that Your light in me would draw people to salvation and
freedom. Show me how to point ALL people to You by the
way I talk, spend my time and live my life.

Amen.

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THE GOD WHO SERVES

John 13:4-5

⁴ So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

READING

John 13:1-20

PRAYER

Jesus,

You are a Servant to all. You lived and died as an example of what humble service to others looks like. Open my heart to what washing another's feet looks like today. I want to get up and move toward the humble service of another.

Amen.

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THIS IS HOW THEY WILL KNOW

John 13:34-35

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

READING

John 13: 21-38

PRAYER

Jesus,

I love because You first loved me. I love because I want to be one who unifies and does not divide. I long to be known as Your disciple by the way I love others. Show me new ways to love those around me.

Amen.

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JESUS IS THE WAY TO THE FATHER

John 6:6

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."

READING

John 14:1-14

PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank You that my heart need not be troubled, not stirred up to worry or fear or confusion. I may face troubles in this life, but my heart can be untroubled. You are the way that I follow. You are the truth that I believe. You are life abundant.

Turn my heart to You. Tune my heart to Yours.

Amen.

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THE SPIRIT IS GOD'S PEACE IN US

John 14:27

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

READING

John 14:15-31

PRAYER

Jehovah Shalom,

Thank You for the gift of peace. Your peace makes me whole and complete. Thank You that when I have Your peace I have peace with You, peace with others and peace with myself. Today, I trade any confusion, conflict and chaos for Your peace.

Amen.

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REMAINING IN JESUS AND BEARING FRUIT

John 15:5

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

READING

John 15:1-17

PRAYER

Jesus,

You are the true vine. I am the branch. Help me remain, abide, stay connected to You so that I can bear fruit by Your power flowing through me. I want to flourish and grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Thank You that with You is better than apart from You.

Amen.

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YOU ARE CHOSEN, YOU BELONG TO ME

John 15:19

¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

READING

John 15:18-27

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

You have chosen me as Your beloved. You have called me by name, I belong to You. Show me how to live in this world, but not be of this world. Set me apart for Your glory.

Amen.

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**THE SPIRIT INSIDE YOU IS
EVEN BETTER THAN JESUS BESIDE YOU**

John 16:7

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

READING

John 16:1-15

PRAYER

Jesus,

I am so grateful for Your Spirit that lives in me. Giving me the Holy Spirit as my Advocate, my Counselor and my Comforter is for my good and for Your Glory. Thank You that the Holy Spirit is at work within me, doing more through me than I can ask for or imagine.

Amen.

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YOUR GRIEF WILL TURN TO JOY

John 16:16

¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

READING

John 16:16-33

PRAYER

Jesus,

Your Presence is my joy. Your nearness is my good. In the moments of my life where there is sorrow, remind me that I can hold joy there, too. I don't dismiss my grief, but sit with it in Your Presence because in Your Presence there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11).

Amen.

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JESUS PRAYS THAT WE WOULD BE ONE

John 17:20-21

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

READING

John 17:1-26

PRAYER

Jesus,

Your heart is for unity among all people. May my heart be for unity, too. May my actions promote unity. May my love create unity. Give me courage to cross the aisle, the road, the state lines or country borders to demonstrate unity in Your name.

Amen.

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**JESUS WILLINGLY OFFERS HIMSELF,
TRUSTING THE FATHER**

John 18:4-5 4

⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" ⁵ "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said.

READING

John 18:1-24

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

You are the Great I Am. Help me recall the many "I Am" statements You made throughout scripture. Would knowing who You are remind me of who I am in You.

Amen.

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A KINGDOM THAT IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

John 18:36

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

READING

John 18:25-40

PRAYER

Jesus,

You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. You have no rival. Lead me to places in my life where I have set anything as a rival to You. Would I make You the King over all of it.

Amen.

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**CROWN OF THORNS,
A CROSS AND THE KING OF KINGS**

John 19:5

⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

READING

John 19:1-27

PRAYER

Jesus,

I take time now to remember Your great sacrifice for me.
From mocking, to beatings, to death, You paid it all
for me. I lift You high and give You all the glory.
Show me how to remember so I will never forget.

Amen.

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IT IS FINISHED

John 19:30

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

READING

John 19:28-42

PRAYER

Jesus,

It is finished. Thank You for those words You spoke on the cross. The declaration of the finished work for my faith and peace. I declare victory over battles I am still trying to fight in my own life. It is finished.

Amen.

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AN EMPTY TOMB AND A RISEN LORD

John 20:8

⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

READING

John 20:1-18

PRAYER

Jesus,

I praise You because the tomb is empty. Death is defeated and the King is alive. I believe You for life in all areas, even the places that are dead right now. Give me eyes to see those places. Bring forth life by Your resurrection power!

Amen.

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COMMISSIONED WITH HIS SPIRIT AND HIS PEACE

John 20:21

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

READING

John 20:19-30

PRAYER

Prince of Peace,

Thank You that You fill me with peace as I trust
and follow You. Show me where I need to trust You,
and give me Your peace in those places.

Amen.

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RESTORED WITH JESUS

John 21:7

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

READING

John 21:1-14

PRAYER

Dear Lord,

You are my Restorer. You are my Rebuilder. You make all things new. Thank You for the daily renewal You bring to my heart. I am never too far for a touch from You.

Amen.

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FOLLOW ME AND FEED MY SHEEP

John 21:22

²² Jesus answered him, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

READING

John 21: 15-25

PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank You that You hold my life in your hands,
each day known before I was even born. Thank You
that You have given me breath in my lungs to live today.
I know that there are people around me that need to know
and encounter Your love. I want to walk in obedience,
following You and "feeding Your sheep."

Amen.

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