

ONE ACCORD GROUP PRAYER GUIDE: DAY 1

Thursday, May 13 [Ascension Day]:

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

DAY'S LOGISTICS:

*Community: No **community** gathering, this is a personal day of prayer and worship.*

Church: Loft is open 12:15-12:45 for personal prayer

INTRODUCTION:

As ministers of reconciliation we live as Christ's ambassadors. We are able to do this because of the new life Jesus has given to us. Our life is now hidden IN Him and we are His "*new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*" (II Cor 5:17). Knowing and living in our new identity in Jesus is a life-long journey and it is the most incredible reality! The resurrected Christ in us, us in Christ! As we anchor ourselves in Christ, His life will spill into others' through ours.

As we begin our 10 days in ONE ACCORD prayer for unity in our homes, church and community, we are taking our first day to pray for unity in our personal relationships. If we are not living in unity with those with whom we do our daily lives, then our message of sharing Jesus' love with others will be ineffective and unfruitful. Take time today to do some reflecting on your walk with God. Take inventory of your soul, nurture the nature of Christ in you today. What needs attention in your own heart? Who needs attention in your own household? Praying *with* someone is such a wonderful way to build relationships and be *together* with Jesus!

DAILY ONE ACCORD PRAYER

Lord, I lift up our love for one another as a body.
Help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth
so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart.
May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples.
Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify You with one heart and voice.
Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love.

(1 Pet. 1:22; Jn. 13:34-35; Ro. 15:5-7; Col. 3:14)

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KEY SCRIPTURES:

22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. *[John 17:22-23]*

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities[f] are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. *[2 Peter 1:3-8]*

ABIDE

Take time (5-10 min) to be silent. Rest in the reality that you embody Jesus' divine power and His divine! What delights your own heart from this passage in II Peter? Where does your soul need reminding of His promises? Pay attention to the prompts of the Holy Spirit.

INTERCESSION

As we pray in one accord for unity, what are ways that you are desiring to see unity in your personal life?

- Pray for yourself - for strength to receive all the blessings of God, for healing and wholeness, for any neglected or unresolved issues of your own heart.
- Pray for the level of freedom in your life to grow
- Pray for healing of estranged relationships

CLOSING BENEDICTION

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it." *[1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NIV]*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.