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“Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication”

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Beyond the
Weekend

SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY, + ACT.

2026 Focus: 12 Months of Prayer | **June:** Being Still Before God

Each month, journey through a different biblical model of prayer.

Day 1 [1 Kings 8:22-23](#) | Adoration

LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. 1 Kings 8:23

The temple stands complete, gleaming on Mount Zion. Gold covers the interior walls and doors. Bronze pillars flank the entrance. Cedar beams stretch across the ceiling. Solomon gathers all of Israel. The priests place the ark of the covenant in the Holy Place, and God’s cloud of glory fills the temple. King Solomon steps before the altar, spreads his hands toward heaven, and begins to pray. His first words aren’t a request or thank you but worship. “There is no God like you.” Not anywhere. Nothing compares. Solomon worships God for keeping his covenant of love.

We often begin prayer with requests for help or with thanks. Both are good and right. But Solomon models something we tend to skip. Before anything else, we can adore God for who he is. We all worship something, and that worship shapes us. We might worship a career, success, relationships, security, or our kids. But these finite things will eventually disappoint us or run out. God is infinite and limitless. Fixing our hearts on him—declaring his worthiness before we bring him our needs—shifts and reorients our hearts. Adoring God makes us more alive because we were made to worship him.

PRAYER DAY #22: This week we are using the ACTS model to pray. A is for **Adoration**. Pick one characteristic of how God has revealed himself—Father, King, Savior—and declare it back to him. Use Solomon’s opening words as you start: “There is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below. You are _____.”

Day 2 [1 Kings 8:46-51](#) | Confession

And if they have a change of heart in the land where they are held captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors and say, “We have sinned, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly...” 1 Kings 8:47

As King Solomon prays to dedicate the temple, he looks ahead to a painful possibility—Israel turning from God and facing exile in a foreign land. God has made clear the consequences of rebellion. Yet Solomon prays that even then, return is possible. If they confess their sin and return to God, he will hear and forgive. Even when they run away from him, God has made a way to return.

We all are prone to wander from God. Many of us have avoided prayer in those seasons, feeling too far gone or too ashamed to return. But confession isn’t about cleaning ourselves up first. It means agreeing with God about what we’ve done, naming it honestly the way King David did: “Against you, you only, have I sinned”

([Psalm 51:4](#)). Confession and repentance belong together. We name the sin and turn from it, returning to God. Both should be part of our daily practice. We can do this confidently because of Jesus. When we confess, "he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins" ([1 John 1:9](#)).

PRAYER DAY #23: This week we are using the ACTS model to pray. C is for **Confession**. No sin is too small or too great to bring to God. Name it honestly, agreeing with God that it is against him. "Father, I admit I've sinned against you, because no one is faultless. I confess _____ is sin, and I repent. Help me return to you. Amen."

Day 3 [1 Kings 8:24](#) | Thanksgiving

You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today. 1 Kings 8:24

Thousands stand in the shadow of the temple that God's awesome glory now fills. Solomon pauses to give thanks. He traces this temple back to the promise God made to his father David—a son would build this house ([2 Samuel 7:12-13](#)). Solomon hasn't earned or forced that promise to come true. With his hands still spread toward heaven, he declares, "Lord, you said it, and you did it." Thanksgiving, for Solomon, is remembering the character of God and declaring what he has done.

A daily habit of giving thanks pushes out fear and complaint. It reorients our hearts to see God's gifts and goodness even in hard seasons. Without thanksgiving, we drift toward grumbling, fixating on what we lack or what hasn't gone our way. But when we recall God's faithfulness, the picture shifts. The greatest evidence of God keeping his promises is Jesus. All of redemptive history bends toward this—God fulfilling what he said he would do, sending his Son to forgive our sins and restore us to himself. That gift is the foundation of our thanksgiving.

PRAYER DAY #24: This week we are using the ACTS model to pray. T is for **Thanksgiving**. Use Solomon's words as you begin your thanksgiving: "You have kept your promise...with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it." Give thanks to God for his faithfulness in your life, especially for what he has done for you through Jesus.

Learn more about Solomon's prayer on this week's episode of the Beyond the Weekend podcast. Find it wherever you [listen to podcasts](#) or [watch on YouTube](#).

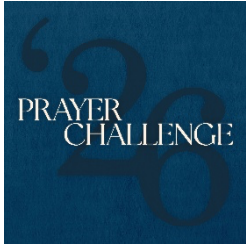
Day 4 [1 Kings 8:30-35](#) | Supplication

Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. 1 Kings 8:30

King Solomon worships God, gives thanks, and prays that the people would confess their sins and return to God. Now he asks God to hear their supplications. Supplication is a plea for grace, not a demand or negotiation. Solomon makes the request as a servant, approaching God based entirely on his character of grace and generosity. Solomon then runs through situation after situation—defeat, drought, famine, war, foreign enemies—asking God to hear and answer each one. He prays that God would be gracious in all of it.

Our prayers should include supplication too. We can bring anything on our hearts—needs big or small, fears we can barely name, requests we've carried for years. We ask knowing that God's disposition toward us is gracious and generous. Asking doesn't guarantee the answer we hope for. Sometimes God's grace looks different than we expect, and we don't always see the full picture of what he is doing in this life. But his character doesn't change. We can keep bringing our needs, desires, and requests to him, trusting that someday, we will see his hand in all of it.

PRAYER DAY #25: This week we are using the ACTS model to pray. S is for **Supplication**. Start with Solomon's words: "Hear the supplication of your servant..." Then bring whatever is on your heart and mind to God today, asking for his grace and generosity and trusting his character.



Day 5 [Psalm 46](#) | Be Still and Know

This year in Beyond the Weekend, journey through different biblical models of prayer—one each month. June's focus is being still before God.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

The psalmist declares fearless trust in God even though the world is coming undone. Nations rage. Kingdoms fall. Continents break and plunge into the sea. The author paints a scene of complete chaos and threat. Yet in the middle of it, he declares that God is their refuge and strength—an ever-present help in trouble ([Psalm 46:1](#)). God's people don't anchor themselves in circumstances but in the unchanging character of God. Then, amid the noise and upheaval, God speaks: "Be still." It's a command, not a suggestion. Stop striving. Let go of fear. Know that he is God.

June's prayer focus is being still before God—listening and waiting on him through his Word and prayer. Our world is loud, fast, and full of distraction. When life feels out of control, our instinct is to fix things, scroll, or fill the silence. But God invites us to do the opposite. He calls us to stop and know him—to bring our chaos into his presence and truly listen. Being still before God isn't passive. It requires intentional effort to slow down, open his Word, and wait on him in prayer. When we do, we find what the psalmist did: a God who is our fortress, always near, and in control.

PRAYER DAY #26: This week we prayed through the model of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. Set a timer for five minutes. Put your phone down and sit quietly before God. Ask him to help you quiet your heart to know and worship him better as you are still before him. Then read all of [Psalm 46](#) slowly, adoring God for who he is.

Day 6

PRAYER DAY #27: Pray through the Lord's Prayer in [Matthew 6:9-13](#). This week we explored adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication through Solomon's prayer. Look for each of those same elements in Jesus's prayer. Pause at each element and spend time praying through it. Worship God for who he is, confess sin, give thanks, and bring your requests. Then join Ada Bible Worship as they sing "[You Keep Your Promises](#)." Thank God for keeping all his promises through Jesus.

Day 7

PRAYER DAY #28: Pray through the Lord's Prayer again in [Matthew 6:9-13](#). Today, focus on the phrase, "Give us today our daily bread." Jesus reminds his followers that God is a faithful, generous Father who provides for his children day by day. Pray that our church community would trust God to meet every need, big and small, and that we would look to him daily for everything we need.