

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Make the The Dweller's Prayer your anthem for the next 31 days. Then use the daily prayer prompts that correspond with the book.

The Dweller's Prayer

Awaken me, Lord, to engage with the people around me today. I choose to make You known so that Your love may be in them as it is in me. Come, Jesus. You are welcome here.

Day 1 (Introduction)

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as an inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” (Hebrews 11:8)

God, I recognize You are intimately involved in my life. You have called me here. As Abraham stepped out in faith, fill me with courage to do the same right here right now. I make a choice to obey You. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Day 2 (The Town of Six Traffic Lights)

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’” (John 20:21)

God, as I look around me, I don't always understand the people, the politics, the policies, the pressure. So help me learn the culture that you love more than I can ever love. In Your Name I pray, Amen.

Day 3 (The Comfortable Life)

“He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.” (Psalm 107:7-9)

God, I feel like I gave up {fill in the blank} to move here, to live here. You abundantly make up for anything I can consider loss. Satisfy my longings today, In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Day 4 (Thanks Queen Esther)

“...And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)

Father, I confess I have a fear of {name your fears}. These fears will paralyze me if I let them. Rather, I speak them out to You and invite Your courage to be greater than my fears. With You, all things are possible. By the power of the Name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

Day 5 (Start to Stay)

“My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exodus 33:14)

Father, I slow down today to recognize the tugs and prompting of Your Spirit. I turn off other voices so I can hear Your voice most of all. Speak, Lord. Tug, Spirit. In Your Name I pray, Amen.

Day 6 (Jesus is Here)

“Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel...it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.” (Psalm 73:23-24,28)

God, You are love and You are here. I am not alone. Let that matter more than anything else that has comforted me in the past. In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen.

Day 7 (God’s Plan for Places)

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare, you will find your welfare.” (Jeremiah 29:7)

Father, use me and my generation of dwellers to take care of this place for those who will come after us. Call Christ followers to this town and deepen our roots here for Your sake and for Your renown. In Your Name we claim this town, Amen.

Day 8 (The Enemy Has a Plan, Too)

“So now, O Lord our God, save us, please, from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O Lord are God alone.” (2 Kings 19:19)

God, the victory is Yours. Fill my heart with hope and peace that You are in control and that the darkness will not win. Move in power in this community. Dispel the darkness and let your light shine forth. By the power of Your Name, Amen.

Day 9 (Meet the Neighbors)

“Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.” (Proverbs 27:10)

God, everyone that lives right around me, You’ve called me to love them. Fill me with Your love to smile, make introductions, and be a blessing to them. Let it begin with me. In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen.

Day 10 (Meet the Faith Family)

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples , if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35)

God, thank you for the church, Your faith family here on earth. Illuminate our church as Your beacon in this community. Draw others to our church and let us be a people who welcomes them in. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Day 11 (Walking Shoes)

“I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.” (Lev. 26:12)

God, I know the parts of my town that are dark and broken. Forgive me for being apathetic and judgemental. The earth is Yours. Every part of it. Lead me to walk and pray. Walk and celebrate. Walk and learn. By the power of Your Name I pray, Amen.

Day 12 (Seeing Eyes)

“We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.” (2 Chronicles 20:12)

God, I lift my eyes to You. My help comes from You who made the heavens and earth. You keep my going out and my coming in. Now be my help with what I see today. In Your Name I pray, Amen.

Day 13 (Listening Ears)

“Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.” (Psalm 85:8)

God, {insert names here} have been on my mind. Meet their needs today. Show them You are their Provider, Healer, Truth, Friend, and Savior. And now, God, give me listening ears and a tamed tongue to receive what I need to hear from You and others. In Your Name, Amen.

Day 14 (Compassion Stickers)

“Let both grow together.” (Matthew 13:30)

God, I know this is hurting me {name hurts and those who have hurt you}. I choose to forgive and let You do the healing in me. Hear the cry of my heart, Lord. Those cries that I can't articulate, but can weigh heavy on my mind. Only in the Name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

Day 15 (Choose to Stay)

“He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

God, when I think about where I live, I'm struggling with {fill in the blank}. I want a vision for being here, for staying here. Show me the vision You have for me and give me focus to carry it out. In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.

Day 16 (Quadrants)

“I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” (John 4:38)

You are a strategic God. A God of order, not of chaos. Clear my mind to think about how to do life Your way with the people You put in my path. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Day 17 (Circles)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John 13:34)

Thank You, Jesus, for the friendships that have formed here. And thank You for the way you modeled friendship here on earth. I pray You will deepen my friendships with {name your friends}. Let these relationships be an offering to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Day 18 (Hubs)

“Practice hospitality.” (Romans 12:13)

God, I don't take my home for granted. These very walls give me security and a refuge. I receive this gift and choose to use this home as a blessing to others. Begin this today in me and with this space, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Day 19 (The Sacred Field)

“As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought of me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!” (Psalm 40:17)

God, I find myself in a place or a season that's uncomfortable and uncertain. Jesus, I want to creatively live out the purpose You have for me here. I declare it's not my agenda I need people to rally around. It's You, Jesus, only You. In Your Name, Amen.

Day 20 (Strategic Family)

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” (3 John 4)

God, I pray Your protection and peace and purpose over every child in my community. My own, their classmates, my neighbors, the hurting, and the abandoned. I pray for those who are growing up to lead and give back to this city. May nothing steer our children away from Your purpose for their lives. Make us a family of dreamers - pursuing and believing You, the God of the impossible. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Day 21 (Position Matters)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” (Deut. 6:5)

Thank You, God, for the gifts, wiring, and resources You have given me. I want to steward them well so they multiply and make an eternal difference. Grant me favor here on earth so I can lead others to You. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Day 22 (Connector)

“I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.” (2 Cor. 12:15)

God, *may Your Kingdom come to earth as it is in heaven.* Lead me into the world of others today and let me not grow weary in doing good, even if I don't see the end result until heaven. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Day 23 (StoryTeller)

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow" (1 Cor. 3:6)

I confess talking about You is not always easy, but You are the best part of my story. Help me include You in my story of why I'm here and what I'm doing here. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Day 24 (Grace Giver)

"Do not withhold good...when it is in your power to do it." (Prov. 3:27)

God, You are the One True God, and no other religion exists where the Creator stands with His created to draw others to Himself. I receive any interruptions that happen today as moments to give grace and receive grace. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Day 25 (Intercessor)

"O (your city), hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem (your city) from all its iniquities." (Psalm 130:7-8)

God, today I have decided to stand before You on behalf of my community. Overcome the darkness. Break chains of bondage. Bring freedom. I stand hope-filled, believing You for what seems impossible. In the power of Your Name I pray, Amen.

Day 26 (Caretaker)

"The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied." (Prov. 19:23)

I rest in You, Jesus. You are more than enough for me. I refuse to chase after these things {name distractions, idols, bad habits, sin} and trust in You. I come to You for replenishment and find rest for my soul. In Jesus' Name I come, Amen.

Day 27 (Your Story Isn't Over)

"Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear." Matthew 13:16)

God, You are the author of my life which means my story matters. Forgive me for looking at my life as anything less than a miracle. Wherever You choose to take me, use my life. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Day 28 (Their Story Isn't Over Either)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)

God, may it never be said of me that in this town, on my watch, I wanted to serve but decided it was too dangerous, too messy, and too unpredictable. Take this amount of faith that I have and use me, I pray in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Day 29 (Global God)

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2)

God, You are great and greatly to be praised. The nations rejoice and are glad in You. I worship You with my brothers and sisters all over this earth. Unify our voices to speak of Your love and forgiveness so that all men may believe in You. By the power of Your Name I pray, Amen.

Day 30 (Heavenly City)

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.” (Hebrews 11:13)

God, unless You call me home to be with you today, I’ve got purpose here on earth. I want to make today count. Fill me with Your power and Your strength. Go before me and behind me. I choose to live sent. In Jesus’ Name I make today about You, Amen.

Day 31 (To be continued)

“Go and make disciples....” (Matthew 28:19)

Jesus, thank You for seeing me here in {name your town} trying to live with purpose. What You have done in my heart these past 31 days, do not forsake the work of Your hand on my life and the people around me. In Your Name and for Your glory, Amen.