

21 Days of Prayer
Dillon Community Church
March 3 –23, 2008

Days 8-14

Monday, March 10—Being a caring community

1. Scripture: “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friends.” (Proverbs 27:17)

2. Reflection: This scripture inspired our church’s Iron Hour name. We can apply this proverb to relationships and accountability in our families, small groups, friends, and co-workers. God can hone us as a spiritual “sharpening tool” in their lives.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: Lord, use our lives as your toolbox to make Christ come alive in the lives of others. Give us the initiative, courage, and discernment to help sharpen their faith and love for You.

Your prayer:

Tuesday, March 11—Reaching out to Summit County and the world

1. Scripture: “Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren you did it to Me.” (Matthew: 25:40)

2. Reflection: God makes it clear: by doing (or not doing) loving service for others, we minister to (or neglect) Him. We need to go beyond our Christian friends and touch the least deserving, the least worthy, in our larger world.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: God, You are beautiful in your holiness and unexcelled in your goodness. Let us see your beauty and goodness in each and every person we meet. Give us a passion for serving and an enthusiasm for sharing with them Christ's life in us.

Your prayer:

Wednesday, March 12—Growing intimacy with God

1. Scripture: “*He who has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me . . . and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.*” (John 14:21)
2. Reflection: Jesus equates love with obedience. If we obey, He promises us, we will enter into an incredible love relationship with Him. He will reveal His very personhood to us, one on one.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: God, in your eyes to obey you is to love you. It overwhelms us that as we demonstrate our love by obedience, you will manifest yourself to us. How blessed we are to love a God who wants us in a loving relationship with Him. Thank you, Lord!

Your prayer:

Thursday, March 13—Caring community

1. Scripture: “*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*” (Galatians 6:2)
2. Reflection: Paul tells us to care selflessly for each other and assist each other, actually bearing the life burdens of fellow believers. It may cost us our comfort but we will fulfill the love-law of Christ.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help us to get involved as a caring community of believers and take on ourselves the concerns of others. Give us the words and the actions to comfort and to care. Give us strong shoulders to carry and to bear.

Your prayer:

Friday, March 14—Reaching out to Summit County and the world

1. **Scripture:** : “*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” (Acts 1:8 NIV)
2. **Reflection:** Jesus, Himself, is telling us that the Holy Spirit will provide the power for us to be His witnesses to reach out locally in Jerusalem, in neighboring Judea and Samaria, and to the entire earth.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. **Prayer:** God, you have given us the power of your Holy Spirit to reach out locally, regionally and worldwide. Stir us up to take the power you have provided and to use it to impact others with your Word. Make us living witnesses of the power of our God.

Your prayer:

Saturday, March 15—Growing intimacy with God

1. **Scripture:** (*I pray*) *that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, . . . so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is*

*His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones) Ephesians 1:17-18
(Amplified Bible)*

2. **Reflection:** An intimate relationship with God may be one of our greatest challenges. Paul emphasizes just how personal God intends the relationship between Him and us to be. He calls... do we respond? Take time now to actually get quiet with Him.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. **Prayer:** Father, you are always here, but I am mostly somewhere else. My record on seeking You is spotty. I put other things ahead of you. The sweet times we've had together seem few. I pray that our times together would be honest and revealing.

Your prayer:

Sunday, March 16—Being a caring community

1. **Scripture:** "What shall we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3: 10, 11 NIV)
2. **Reflection:** Our responsibility is to shift from self-centered complacency and to share our blessings with those in need. We are to care about others and respond with action.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. **Prayer:** Father, we have opportunities daily to care for those around us meeting physical and spiritual needs. I pray for the wisdom to recognize how I can respond as a caring Christian. Show us how to share the blessings you have lavished on me.

Your prayer:
