

TO JERUSALEM & JUDEA & SAMARIA

Acts  
1:8

& TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

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A dark blue, organic-shaped graphic containing the text "50 DAYS of FOCUSED PRAYER". The number "50" is in a large, bold, orange font. "DAYS of" is in a white, handwritten-style font. "FOCUSED PRAYER" is in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.

# 50 DAYS of FOCUSED PRAYER

Specific prayer welcomes  
the empowerment of the  
*Holy Spirit* to fulfill the  
promise of Jesus in **ACTS 1:8**

*“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.” God’s  
power for God’s purposes!*



Holy Spirit empowerment is increasingly bubbling up in local Wesleyan churches of all sizes and in all contexts who are developing **ACTS 1:8** visions. While The Wesleyan Church (TWC) has many fully **ACTS 1:8** churches, every TWC church can be equipped for prayer and be resourced to develop their own kingdom ripple effect.

This prayer guide provides a daily Bible verse, quote or song to prompt your reflection. It then gives you a suggested prayer focus — a need or opportunity. You’ll notice as it flows through the 50 days, it follows the progression of **ACTS 1:8**. Initial days focus on Holy Spirit empowerment, for the purposes of all disciples being witnesses, which permeates one’s community (Jerusalem), locations beyond that are similar or different (Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth).

The geography is joined by the recurring word “and” — it is not “or” as if we choose just one, but “and” so the gospel flows to all. Jerusalem at the time of Jesus was a city within the broader immediate area long known as Judea, but under Roman rule the province of Judea contained Samaria as well. Another way of thinking about it, the **ACTS 1:8** promise includes “here, near, far ... no matter how hard.”

You’ll notice an opportunity for individuals to “pray on offense” for very specific everyday places and people at home, their workplace or other settings where they have friendships and opportunity for influence.

“The 50 Days of Focused Prayer” guide is designed to help you sense how God is leading you to pray each day ... may you have freedom to hear and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit!

### **FRESH FILLING AND POWER**

Our first focus is on the power God makes available for his purposes to be accomplished. The Holy Spirit does not give us power to accomplish our own selfish desires nor does God expect us to fulfill his purposes in our power. We need the empowering and filling of the Holy Spirit to be personally transformed and to be witnesses to others. So, for the first several days, you’ll pray for the empowerment and filling of your church and your life as guided by Scripture, quotes and songs all pointing to the person and power of the Holy Spirit.

## DAYS

# 1-10

### DAY 1

**ACTS 1:8** 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.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray (it may mean simply turning this verse into a prayer that you offer to God)?*

### DAY 2

**ZECHARIAH 4:6** So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.”

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 3

**TITUS 3:5-6** He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 4

Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you. The human spirit fails, except when the Holy Spirit fills.

“ Corrie Ten Boom

*As you reflect on this quote, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 5

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:6** He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant — not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 6

**ROMANS 8:1-2** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 7

Come Holy Spirit, I need Thee. Come sweet Spirit, I pray. Come in Thy strength and Thy power. Come in Thine own gentle way.

🎵 Songwriters: Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither.

*As you reflect on this chorus, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 8

**LUKE 11:13** “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 9

**ROMANS 5:3-5** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 10

If we think of the Holy Spirit only as an impersonal power or influence, then our thought will constantly be, how can I get hold of and use the Holy Spirit; but if we think of Him in the biblical way as a divine Person, infinitely wise, infinitely holy, infinitely tender, then our thought will constantly be, *‘How can the Holy Spirit get hold of and use me?’*

“ R.A. Torrey paraphrased

*As you reflect on this quote, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

## DAYS

# 11-20

### DAY 11

**ROMANS 8:11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*


### DAY 12

**ROMANS 8:14** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 13

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

 Songwriter: Daniel Iverson

*As you reflect on this chorus, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

### DAY 14

**EPHESIANS 1:13-14** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

### YOUR JERUSALEM ACTS 1:8

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...*

By the time of Jesus, the name Jerusalem not only included the city and its surrounding suburbs, towns and villages, but also came to represent a district of Judea. Herod's massive construction projects would have been taking place throughout the city, adding to the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Population estimates are from 600,000 (Roman historian Tacitus) to over a million (Josephus).

*A tool is available to every Wesleyan church to understand their community, their "Jerusalem."*

Check out MissionInsite at

 [wes.life/missioninsite](http://wes.life/missioninsite)

### DAY 15

**JOHN 14:26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

*What is the population of the town your church is located in or nearest to? What are community needs you feel prompted to pray about?*

### DAY 16

God knows what each one of us is dealing with. He knows our pressures. He knows our conflicts. And He has made a provision for each and every one of them. That provision is Himself in the person of the Holy Spirit, indwelling us and empowering us to respond rightly.

 Kay Arthur

*Pray for schools located in your community.*

### DAY 17

**JOHN 16:7** 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.

*Do any particular "challenged areas" (age groups, neighborhoods, etc.) come to mind as you pray for your community?*

*Do any particular "growing areas" (neighborhoods, age groups, etc.) come to mind as you pray for your community?*


### DAY 18

**JOHN 16:13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

*Pray for the ethnic or cultural populations in your community.*

### DAY 19

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.  
Oh, Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again.  
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.  
Let your power fall, let Your voice be heard.  
Come and change our hearts, as we stand on Your Word.  
Holy Spirit, rain down.

 Songwriter: Russell Fragar

*Pray for the different generations (children, youth, adult, elderly) in your community. Pray for those of various economic capacity (poor, mid-income, wealthy) in your community.*

### DAY 20

**GALATIANS 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

*What are strengths for your community? Pray they will continue to flourish.*

## DAYS

# 21-30

### DAY 21

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

*Pray for those providing justice in your community (police, courts).*

*Pray for non-profits seeking to meet needs in your community.*

### DAY 22

Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God hath promised ...

“ John Bunyan

*Pray for other life-giving, gospel-sharing churches in your community.*

### DAY 23

**2 TIMOTHY 1:7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

*Pray for people you see making a difference in your community, making it better.*

### DAY 24

**ROMANS 8:26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

*Pray for those you believe are responsive to the gospel. Pray for those you believe are resistant to the gospel.*

### DAY 25

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.  
Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.  
Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,  
Thou art welcome in this place.

 Songwriters: Dottie Rambo, David Lee Huntsinger

### YOUR JUDEA ACTS 1:8

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea ...*

The geographical region of ancient Judea at the time of Jesus originally encompassed the territory of the tribe of Judah and later of the ancient kingdom of Judah (Southern Kingdom in OT). Judea lost its independence to the Romans in the 1st century B.C., by becoming first a tributary kingdom of the Roman Empire, then a Roman province incorporating Judea, Samaria and Idumea. More specifically, it was the broader region in which the city of Jerusalem was located.

*MissionInsite cannot only help you learn about the makeup of your own community, but others within driving distance, by entering their ZIP code.*

Check out MissionInsite at

 [wes.life/misioninsite](http://wes.life/misioninsite)

### DAY 26

**EPHESIANS 3:16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being ...

*Name a community or communities within driving distance you believe have similarities to your community, and pray for it/them.*

### DAY 27

**1 THESSALONIANS 1:6** You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

*Who do you know who lives in that community? Are these individuals who are yet to commit their lives to Christ? Pray for them right now.*

### DAY 28

The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.

“ A. W. Tozer

*Do you know Christians who live in this community? Can you name them and pray for their witness?*

### DAY 29

**EZEKIEL 36:26-27** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

*Pray for the schools and public entities in this community.*

### DAY 30

**ISAIAH 11:2** The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord.


*Pray for the churches in this community. Pray for a fresh movement of God in this community.*

DAYS

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DAY 31

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by your presence, Lord.

 Songwriter: Katie and Bryan Torwaldt

*Is this a community in which your church might establish a gospel presence through a discipleship group or church plant?*

**YOUR SAMARIA ACTS 1:8**

*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 ...*

During the time of Jesus, Samaria was located between Galilee to the north and Judea to the south. Today, Samaria is in what is now the northern West Bank. The Jews of Jesus' day disliked the Samaritans because of their religious syncretism and their mixed racial heritage. Samaria is included in receiving a witness to the gospel **ACTS 1:8**. Once the church was scattered after Stephen's martyrdom, many Christians fled to the surrounding areas, including Samaria (Acts 8:1, 5-6). As a region, Samaria was significant in the Old Testament as being synonymous with the Northern Kingdom and in the New Testament as an idolatrous area Jews tried to avoid. Despite Samaria's checkered history and the Jews' general dislike of the people of the region, Jesus himself evangelized the area and mandated that the gospel be preached there after his ascension.

DAY 32

**MATTHEW 3:11** "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

*Is there a portion of your community, or one with driving distance, that is viewed as being unique? Perhaps like Samaria, it is different religiously or culturally? Pause to pray for them.*

DAY 33

**2 CORINTHIANS 13:14** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Who do you know who lives in that community? Are these individuals who are yet to commit their lives to Christ? Pray for them right now.*

DAY 34

When we pray for the Spirit's help ... we will simply fall down at the Lord's feet in our weakness. There we will find the victory and power that comes from His love.

 Andrew Murray

*Do you know Christians who live in this community? Name them and pray for their witness.*

DAY 35

**GENESIS 1:1-2** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

*Pray for the schools and public entities in this community.*

DAY 36

**JOB 33:4** The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

*Pray for the churches in this community. Pray for a fresh movement of God in this community.*

DAY 37

Hold me close, let your love surround me. Oh, Lord, bring me near, draw me to your side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle. And I will soar with you, your Spirit leads me on.

 Songwriter: Geoff Bullock

*Is this a community in which your church might establish a gospel presence through a discipleship group or church plant?*

**YOUR ENDS OF THE EARTH ACTS 1:8**

*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.*

The gospel is spreading from Everywhere to Everywhere as Wesleyan churches in nearly 100 nations globally are sending and receiving missionaries. In North America, Wesleyans are sending and receiving missionaries. Immigrant and migrant populations are present not only in larger population centers but in communities of all sizes.

*Global Partners provides ways churches can increase their discernment in their global outreach through "Missional Coaching ... A Guided Journey to Amplifying Your Church's Mission"*

 [globalpartnersonline.org/coaching](http://globalpartnersonline.org/coaching)

DAY 38

**ROMANS 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

It all begins with Missio Dei — the mission of God. Looking UP to receive a clear mission to go and make disciples of all nations is the first step.

*Give praise to God for where your church is already making a difference and/or pray about where God may be asking your church to make a difference in the world.*

DAY 39


**1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-11** However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him — these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

**LOOK IN** *to prayerfully discern resources and gifts already present within your church, and how they can best be used for global transformation.*

*How does your church's passion and gifting influence your global engagement? Is there an intersection between a global need(s) and the gifting, passion and connections your church already has?*

DAY 40

You may have no family, no food, no clothes, no future, no spouse, no health, or no children, yet be rich beyond your wildest dreams because you have the Holy Spirit in your life.

 Jill Briscoe

**LOOK OUT** *to discern specific places, projects and people that will be central to your partnership in spreading the gospel.*

*Does your community have an immigrant population that could inform your global engagement?*

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DAY 41

**EPHESIANS 6:17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Jesus says, “Go make disciples of all nations.” Your church can’t do everything required to make disciples of all nations but you can do something.

*Prayerfully ask — What is our something? What is our unique global contribution?*


DAY 42

**COLOSSIANS 3:16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

*With whom will you partner? How does your global contribution strengthen the church for the long haul (vs. simply provide a momentary impact)? How does your church fuel a global multiplication movement that benefits from your partnership but is not contingent upon your partnership? MAKE IT PERSONAL.*

DAY 43

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise Him!

 “All Creature of Our God and King” was written by Francis of Assisi and translated by William H. Draper.

*Pray specifically about where God has providentially placed you and empowered you to be his witness. Who is God prompting you to pray specifically for in your home, workplace, school or other place where you spend significant time?*

DAY 44

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*What is your Jerusalem — the people you are connected to and seek to be a witness to in your community? In your Judea and Samaria, other places where you have connections? To the ends of the earth?*

DAY 45

**JAMES 5:16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

*Who is God leading you to pray for specifically?*


An individually-focused intercessory prayer guide has been developed by Jeff Clark who is convinced Scripture repeatedly links prayer with God’s power and activity in the world. He is committed to equipping people for intercession (praying for specific people) and intentionality (fearless humility).

Check out the “Praying on Offense” prayer guide at

 [wes.life/proof](https://wes.life/proof)

DAY 46

Grace is the power of the Holy Spirit coming to us free of charge to enable you to do with ease what you could never do on your own with any amount of struggle and effort.

 Joyce Meyer

*As you reflect on this quote, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*


DAY 47

**2 CHRONICLES 7:14** If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

DAY 48

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

 Songwriters: Thomas Ken

*As you reflect on the doxology, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray?*

DAY 49

**MATTHEW 28:19-20** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray and do?*

DAY 50

**ACTS 1:8** 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.

*As you reflect on this verse, what stands out to you? How are you prompted to pray and do?*