

DAY FOUR | women



A prayer for the OMPC woman: She would be devoted to the word, worship, the church, discipleship, and prayer. She would care for her covenant family, the church, for the glory of God and excel in her gifts for the building up of the church and the Kingdom. She would consider the poor (financially, emotionally, or spiritually) and care for her children and husband (if she has them), her family and friends with wisdom, love and grace. She would recognize that she is a child of God and understand the gospel of grace—her forgiveness, her righteousness in Christ, and her power in the Holy Spirit. She would be fearless and brave, humble and strong. She would encourage the weak and fainthearted and pray for the faithless and reprobate. She would live in community with other wise, faithful believers—attending church regularly and serving one another in love. She would be growing in sanctification, grace and truth and in the knowledge of the Lord, and she'd be aware that every gift of righteousness is from God and not of herself. She'd be growing in self-forgetfulness. She would love life and be grateful for all of God's good gifts. She would bear much fruit.

I pray we will be revived in our passion for a deep relationship with God—his worship, his word, and prayer. I pray we will recognize our position as daughters and ambassadors, as sons and brides: the joys and privileges, and the suffering and responsibilities. I pray we will be self-forgetful and Kingdom minded—thinking of others as more important than ourselves.

I pray we will find our calling and purpose in Christ and serve the Church and community in grace with love by the power of the Holy Spirit. I pray we will care for our loved ones, and even strangers, with love, wisdom and grace.

I pray that the purity of our behavior and speech will bring glory to God and enrich the world and the Kingdom of God, and that love of the world and the things of the world would leave our hearts. I pray that we will overcome fear and step into our God-shaped dreams and longings.

Some of us are weary of our own sin—we really need to see your redeeming grace at work in our hearts. We are weary to bear spiritual fruit (love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control). Some days, our hearts just feel barren. But, we know the same Spirit who raised you from the dead lives in us. And He is a fruit Giver. Oh, Holy Spirit, help us to see you! And we know that the Word of God—YOU, Lord Jesus, you are the seed. Father God, rain down Living Water on us, and bring us the hope of harvest! Triune God, teach us to waltz.

Lord bathe our hearts in compassion so that that the outflow of it would be a blessing to them. Remind us of how you pursue wandering hearts, of how you gladly and generously forgive, of how you laid down your life to serve others. Our hearts are not naturally like yours. Our hearts tend to seek our own will, way, and comfort, but your Holy Spirit, in us, has given us a desire to be like you. And you promise to give us the desires of our hearts. So Lord, help us to love others, with joy, as a love offering to you. Help us to rise above the fray, walk in integrity, and go the extra mile, in your Name. Help us to point weary souls to you.

Today, help me to seek Jesus whenever and wherever there is weariness. Help me to rest on, and share, this promise: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30