

Message Notes

Call Upon Him While He is Near

Seeking the Lord Together in 2005, #1
Isaiah 55:1-9

3 Ways to Participate in the 2005 Grace Week of Prayer

1. Plan to attend one or more of the planned prayer sessions in the Lower Fireside Room.

I will attend this prayer session: _____

2. Designate a personal daily time for focused prayer using the Week of Prayer Guide.

I will pray every day this week at this time: _____

3. Designate one or more times of prayer for your family in your home this week. Use the prayer guide in your family prayer time.

Our family will gather to pray at/on: _____

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Message Outline

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I. Seek the Lord who invites us.

- A. "Everyone who thirsts" (55:1)
- B. We who "have no money" (55:1)
- C. We who spend money "for what does not satisfy" (55:2)
- D. Come, buy, eat, listen, delight, incline your ear, live, seek, call

II. Seek the Lord who wants to satisfy us.

- A. Water = refreshment (55:1)
- B. Wine = gladness (55:1)
- C. Milk = nourishment (55:1)
- D. What is good, abundance (55:2)
- E. Life and relationship that is everlasting (55:3)

III. Seek the Lord who wants to use us.

- A. Faithful mercies to us and through us (55:4)
- B. A witness to the peoples (55:4)
- C. Calling the nations (55:5)

IV. Seek the Lord who wants to pardon us.

- A. He is near, He can be found. (55:6)
- B. When we return to Him, He will have compassion. (55:7)
- C. When we forsake our ways, He reveals His ways. (55:8)
- D. When we forsake our thoughts, He reveals His thoughts. (55:8)

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Obviously, there is much to pray for in our hurting world today and we trust you will be praying for worldwide, national and community needs this week. We also want to help you focus your prayer on our life as a church community here at Grace. This guide is intended to assist you as we together "seek the Lord and call upon His name" this week. We hope you will use it in personal and family devotions, that it will stir your heart, stimulate your mind and draw you to your knees.

Monday: Pray for the leadership here at Grace.

Pray for elders, trustees, pastors, ministry and administrative staff and other leadership. Pray for their spiritual protection, their balance, their families, their fruitfulness, their integrity and their walk with God. Use the back of the *Life @ Grace* to pray by name.

Personal Requests Today:

Tuesday: Pray for our children's and youth ministries here at Grace.

Pray for Sunday School teachers, Awana and youth leaders. Pray that kids will be drawn to the Lord and grow in the Lord. Pray that the Lord will raise up workers in these ministries. Pray for kids and youth that you know by name.

Personal Requests Today:

Wednesday: Pray for Adult Bible Fellowships, Growth Groups and other small groups here at Grace.

Pray that folks will move beyond the "entry way" and into the "living room" and "kitchen" at Grace where intimate care, fellowship, and spiritual growth can happen beyond the worship services. Pray for the raising up of new leaders and teachers for these multiplying groups. Pray for our 16 Winter Growth Groups.

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Thursday: Pray for families and marriages here at Grace.

Pray for spiritual protection and obedience to the Scriptures. Pray that we would be "living the gospel" in our families, submitting to, loving and serving one another. Pray that our marriages and families would be a light in our community. Pray that God would be raising up a new generation that will love, honor, fear and serve Him here and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Personal Requests Today:

Friday: Pray for our extended missionary family here at Grace.

Pray that God would protect and encourage missionaries and their families. Pray that God would bless their Gospel proclamation and application, that He would use them to bring many to a saving knowledge of the Gospel. Pray that our missionaries would know and experience our love and support. Use the 2004 Missionary Prayer Guide available in the foyer and church office.

Personal Requests Today:

Saturday : Pray for Grace's impact on our community and the world.

Pray that God would mightily use Grace in new and radical ways to celebrate, proclaim and live the Gospel on the Central Coast and beyond. Pray that we would see lives, families, our community and the world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for a spiritual harvest of souls through the preaching of the Word and our God-centered worship at Grace. Pray that God would make us bold in sharing and living our faith.

Personal Requests Today: