



Prayer Focus

October 3 – 9, 2022

Living Ephesians

As I have been participating in 10 Days of Prayer during the Days of Awe this year, I wanted to share our focus during this time with you. The below is from this year's [10 Days Prayer Guide](#). For other resources, see [10days.net](#).

What is our focus?

- 10 passages from the book of Ephesians that suggest prayers for living in Gospel Unity.
- 10 Days to cry out to the Father to answer Jesus' prayer in John 17:22-23: "That they may become perfectly one so that the world may know that you sent me."
- 10 Days to join the global church in obedience, watching, and waiting on God.

Watchman Nee and An Inspiring 10 Days Story from China

In the spring of 1920, at the age of 17, a Chinese teenager by the name of Watchman Nee attended a Ten Days Revival Meeting. The meeting was held in Fuzhou, China, and led by evangelist Dora Yu. On the evening of April 28, he was alone in his room, struggling to decide whether or not to believe in the Lord. He writes: *"At first I was reluctant but as I tried to pray I saw the magnitude of my sins and the reality and efficacy of Jesus as the Savior. As I visualized the Lord's hands stretched out on the cross, they seemed to be welcoming me, and the Lord was saying, "I am waiting here to receive you."*

Realizing the effectiveness of Christ's blood in cleansing my sins and being overwhelmed by such love, I accepted him there. . . As I made my first prayer, I knew joy and peace such as I had never known before. Light seemed to flood the room and I said to the Lord, *"Oh, Lord, you have been gracious to me."* After his conversion, Nee was trained as a Christian worker. He began to write and publish. He established local churches in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore. He carried out his ministry by preaching, teaching, and holding conferences. The Collected Works of Watchman Nee include 62 volumes. In 1949, the Chinese Communist Party came into power, with its doctrine of state atheism.

Watchman Nee was arrested in March 1952 for the sake of the gospel. He was falsely condemned, judged, and sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment in 1956. During this time, many fellow believers denounced him (the punishment for failing to do so was arrest). He died in confinement on May 30, 1972. When his grandniece went to pick up his body, she was presented only with Nee's ashes and a note written by him in big words with a shaking hand: *Christ is the Son of God who died for the redemption of sinners and resurrected after three days. This is the greatest truth of the universe. I die because of my belief in Christ.*

Watchman Nee came to faith during a 10 Days Revival. He endured through persecution to the end of his life, still proclaiming his faith. He is a model for all who seek to follow Jesus. As we begin 10 Days this year, let's ask God to birth new believers like Nee during this set-apart season!

Three Words. This year's prayer guide is patterned after Nee's most famous work, Sit, Walk, Stand. In this short commentary, Nee summarizes Paul's entire letter to the Ephesians in three words:

1. SIT: Our Position in Christ: (Ephesians 1-3) "[God] raised us up with [Christ] and seated us with him in the heavenly places" (2:6)
2. WALK: Our Life in the World: (Ephesians 4:1-6:9) "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (4:1)
3. STAND: Our Attitude to the Enemy: (Ephesians 6:10-24) "Stand against the schemes of the devil" (6:11)

This week, please meditate on [Living Ephesians](#), following the 10 Days prayer guide.

Events

Prayer Force Website: <http://www.prayerforce.live/>

[Prayer Force Room Sign-Up](#)

Prayer Force Equipping Hour – Every other Tuesday at 1:00pm, Pacific

10 Days of Awe - Join us! September 25 (Rosh Hashanah)- October 5 (Yom Kippur)

[10 Days, Melody Divine leading every night at 8pm Pacific, but join anytime 24-7]

Pray California Conference – October 21-22, 2022

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