

Knowledge of Christ
Faith in Christ
Character Conformed to Christ
Actions Patterned After Christ

PRAYER GUIDE

Andrew Davis' book, *An Infinite Journey*,¹ gives us a road map toward spiritual maturity. He shows how Christian maturity consists of growing in Christlikeness in four major areas: knowledge, faith, character, and action (K-F-C-A).

Each week I use these four attributes to guide my prayers. I pray for myself, each member of my family, our church leaders and staff, and our church family using these prayers as a guide.

Over the next 4 weeks, let's use this guide to pray these prayers together. Each week, we will pray daily to grow in our Christlikeness in each area.

In Christ,
Pastor John

¹ Andrew M. Davis, *An Infinite Journey: Growing toward Christlikeness* (Greenville, SC: Ambassador International, 2014). See pp. 448-452 for these prayers.

Week 1: Knowledge of Christ · Faith in Christ

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” (2 Pet 3:18, ESV)

Knowledge: Spiritual Truth

Day 1: Factual Knowledge Gained from God’s Word.

Prayer: Lord, please give me a deep and accurate knowledge of your word in all its breadth and depth.

Day 2: Experiential Knowledge Gained from Living in God’s World.

Prayer: Lord, please providentially draw me into rich and powerful life situations that will shape me best for future service in your Kingdom.

Knowledge leads to faith.

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

(Rom 10:17, ESV)

Faith: Assurance and Conviction of Spiritual Truth

Day 3: Certainty that Invisible Spiritual Realities Are True.

Prayer: Lord, please give me an ever-deepening sense of your constant presence, of the truth of your past dealings with people, of the reality of the spiritual world around me, and of the future heavenly world awaiting me.

Day 4: Assurance of Things Hoped for.

Prayer: Lord, please give me an ever-stronger foretaste of my heavenly rewards in Christ, and an ever more buoyant hope of fruit in this world that will last eternally in the next.

Day 5: Conviction of Sin.

Prayer: Lord, please make my sins as clear and offensive to me as they are to you.

Day 6: Reliance on Christ as All-sufficient Savior and Provider.
Prayer: Lord, please give me a much more vivid sense of reliance on Christ for everything I need in this world, and crush my self-reliance forever.

Day 7: Reception of Spiritual Guidance.
Lord, please let me learn to hear your voice and follow it, as a sheep learns to recognize the voice of its shepherd.

Week 2: Character Conformed to Christ

Faith transforms character.

“I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.” (Eph 3:16–17, CSB)

Character: Internal Nature Conformed to Christ.

Day 1: Affection: Loving What Christ Loves and Hating What Christ Hates.

Prayer: Lord, would you help me to love you with all my heart, and to love my neighbor as myself. And please transform my heart to love what you love and to hate what you hate.

Day 2: Desire: Yearning for What Christ Yearns for.

Prayer: Lord, would you give me desires after your desires, and purge me of desires that are contrary to yours?

Day 3: Will: Choosing What Christ Would Choose.

Prayer: Lord, not my will but yours be done, this instant, for the rest of today, and for the rest of my life.

Day 4: Thought: Having the Mind of Christ.

Prayer: Lord, enable me to think as you do about everything.

Day 5: Emotions: Feeling What Christ Would Feel.

Prayer: Lord, enable me to control my emotions by the standards of your Word.

Day 6: Virtues: Situational Heart Attributes Conformed to Christ.
Prayer: Lord, may my character appropriately reveal your attributes in every circumstance.

Day 7: Prayer: Lord let my knowledge of Christ and faith in Christ transform my character.

Week 3: Actions Patterned After Christ

Character produces action.

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.” (Matt 12:33, ESV)

Action: Habitual Obedience

Day 1: Main Action: Presentation of the Body as a Spiritual Sacrifice.
Prayer: Lord, I now present my body to you as a living sacrifice, to be used for your holy purposes.

Action: Negative Obedience: Personal Holiness/Purity

Day 2: Purity from sin
Prayer: Lord, keep me holy and pure from all sin.

Day 3: Purity in lawful pleasures
Prayer: Lord, help me to enjoy the sweet blessings of this world without being ensnared by any of them.

Day 4: Proper handling of sin's occurrence
Prayer: Lord, help me to confess all my sins to you, holding nothing back; help me to make restitution, no matter how costly.

Additional Prayers This Week:

Day 5: Prayer: Let my knowledge of Christ increase my faith in Christ.

Day 6: Prayer: Let my faith in Christ lead to character conformed to Christ.

Day 7: Prayer: Let my character conformed to Christ produce words and actions patterned after Christ.

Week 4: Actions Patterned after Christ

Action: Positive Obedience: Seven Key Arenas

Day 1: Worship

Prayer: Lord, make me willing to worship you passionately in spirit and in truth.

Day 2: Spiritual Disciplines

Prayer: Lord train me daily by Scripture and prayer.

Day 3: Family

Prayer: Lord, make me faithful to my responsibilities to my family.

Day 4: Ministry to Believers

Prayer: Lord, enable me to use my spiritual gifts to build up the Body of Christ.

Day 5: Mission to Non-Believers

Prayer: Lord, empower me by the Spirit to advance your Kingdom in a lost world.

Day 6: Stewardship

Prayer: Lord, help me to realize that all I have is yours, and give me wisdom to use my resources maximally for your Kingdom.

Day 7: Work

Prayer: Lord, strengthen me to work faithfully for you, and to do everything great and small for your glory.

Action promotes knowledge

“I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.” (Ps 119:100, ESV)