

THE KING'S CHURCH, EPSOM

REJOICE & TREMBLE

A THIRTY-DAY ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

Growing in Holy Awe, Intimacy and Mission

FORMED FOR FAITHFULNESS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Know Jesus Intimately. Make Him Known Radically.
Teach Others to Know Him Personally.

A PASTORAL INVITATION

Dear Church Family

What we repeatedly behold shapes what we eventually become.

September is not simply the beginning of another term. It is an opportunity to set its spiritual temperature. Before we ask God to bless our plans, enlarge our ministries or advance Vision 2034, we want to seek God Himself. Our first pursuit as leaders is that we see His face more clearly and radiate His glory to others.

We do not merely need a busier church; we need a deeper church. We want to move beyond knowing truths about God to living with a fresh awareness of His holiness, beauty, nearness and power. As we behold Him, we become more like Him. As we fear Him rightly, other fears lose their grip. As our vision of God grows larger, our vision for His mission grows larger too.

This devotional is a thirty-day journey. We will behold the King, learn to walk with Him, ask Him to make our lives shine, and offer ourselves afresh for His mission. The first seven days will accompany our week of prayer and fasting; the remaining days will help us carry that posture through the month and into the term.

Please do not treat these pages as a target to hit. They are an invitation to meet with God. Read slowly. Leave room for silence. Pray the points that the Spirit makes alive. Write down what He says, and obey the next clear thing He places before you. Use it personally, with your family, in Life Groups and to shape our prayer meetings.

Our prayer is simple: that we would become a church that rejoices and trembles before God, and that holy awe would produce joyful obedience, passionate worship and courageous mission. If we know Jesus intimately, making Him known radically will not be an added project. It will become the overflow of life with Him.

May September mark the beginning of something lasting among us.

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READ WITH US THIS TERM

Recommended Reading

Books to deepen the journey beyond these daily pages

If you read only two books this term, begin with Reeves and Bevere. Read slowly, keep your Bible open and discuss what the Lord is showing you with someone else.

OUR TWO COMPANION BOOKS

Rejoice & Tremble: The Surprising Good News of the Fear of the Lord
— Michael Reeves

A warm, gospel-centred account of holy fear as delight in our glorious Father rather than anxious distance from Him.

OUR TWO COMPANION BOOKS

The Awe of God: The Astounding Way a Healthy Fear of God Transforms Your Life — John Bevere

A searching, practical call to recover reverence, obedience and intimacy with God.

GO FURTHER

The Holiness of God — R. C. Sproul

A classic exploration of God's holiness and the life-changing weight of encountering Him as He is.

GO FURTHER

The Knowledge of the Holy — A. W. Tozer

A brief but profound invitation to think rightly about God and worship Him more deeply.

OUR SHARED PURSUIT

What Do We Mean by the Fear of God?

Joyful awe that draws us near and changes how we live

The fear of the Lord is not a frightened uncertainty about whether God will accept us. For everyone who is in Christ, condemnation has been removed. We come to the Father through the finished work of the Son.

But grace does not make God ordinary. The Father who welcomes us remains holy; the Saviour who calls us friends remains Lord; the Spirit who lives within us remains the Spirit of holiness. Healthy fear holds together confidence and reverence, delight and trembling, intimacy and obedience.

Holy fear is the glad, trembling response of people who see God as He truly is, treasure His presence, trust His goodness, hate what grieves Him and obey because He is worthy.

What holy fear produces

Worship: God Himself becomes our treasure, not merely the means to other things.

Quick repentance: We value His presence more than protecting our image.

Joyful obedience: His Word carries more weight than convenience or public opinion.

Humility: We stop treating gifts, influence or success as proof of our importance.

Courage: When God is great in our sight, lesser fears become smaller.

Mission: A vision of His worth creates a longing for others to know and worship Him.

A SIMPLE DAILY RHYTHM

How to Use This Devotional

Set aside 25-35 minutes. Bring a Bible, a notebook and an unhurried heart.

- 1. Become still** Put the phone away. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you attentive.
- 2. Read** Read the main passage slowly, then use the additional Scriptures as time allows.
- 3. Meditate** Notice what the text reveals about God, about us and about faithful response.
- 4. See Christ** Let the gospel keep awe from becoming dread and obedience from becoming performance.
- 5. Reflect and practise** Let the truth search your heart, then identify one concrete act of obedience.
- 6. Pray and listen** Use the prayer points as doorways, not a checklist. Linger where faith and burden rise, and leave room to listen.
- 7. Close and declare** Gather the day into the Closing Prayer of Holy Awe, then speak the final declaration in faith.

Use it together

Couples and families may read the anchor verse and meditation, choose three prayer points and take turns completing one sentence: 'Today God is showing me...' Life Groups can use a whole day as the basis of worship, Scripture, discussion and prayer.

For prayer leaders

Do not rush through every point. Read the passage, name the central vision of God, then choose three to five prayer themes. Move from adoration to response, from personal prayer to church prayer, and from church prayer to mission. Allow space for Scripture, spiritual gifts and silence, and finish by naming one act of obedience.

OUR SIX PRIORITIES Seeking God's Presence; Church Planting; Welcoming & Integrating People; Mission & Outreach; Discipleship; and Leadership Capacity & Staffing Review. These priorities are woven through the daily prayer points rather than added as a separate checklist.

KEY MOMENTS TO SEEK GOD TOGETHER

Gathered in Awe

Prayer, worship, encounter and a deeper knowledge of God

Holy awe is cultivated not only in our personal devotions, but also when we gather to seek God together. Please save these dates, pray towards them and come expectant.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER | 8PM-MIDNIGHT

Half Night of Worship & Prayer

An unhurried evening to seek God's presence through worship, prayer and waiting upon Him. We will ask God to deepen our hunger, renew our holy awe and fill us afresh with His Spirit.

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER-SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Knowing the God We Worship

A teaching weekend to enlarge our vision of God - moving beyond knowing about Him to knowing Him more deeply. We will explore the God who is incomprehensible yet knowable, the glory of the Trinity and His infinite greatness.

FRIDAY 13-SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Encounter Weekend

A set-apart time for teaching, reflection, prayer and personal ministry. We will invite the Holy Spirit to search us, expose old sinful patterns, heal wounds and lift the burdens and weights that hinder us - purging, refining and pruning us for greater freedom and wholehearted devotion to Christ.

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER | 8PM-MIDNIGHT

Half Night of Worship & Prayer

A further opportunity to return to God together in worship, surrender and intercession. We will pray for fresh spiritual life, our six priorities, Vision 2034 and God's leading concerning the South West London church plant.

THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER | 9PM-MIDNIGHT

Crossover Night Service

We will close the year in thanksgiving, worship and consecration, remembering God's faithfulness and surrendering the year ahead to Him. Together, we will enter 2027 with renewed faith and expectancy.

SAVE THE DATES. PRAY TOWARDS THEM. COME EXPECTANT.

"Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe." - Hebrews 12:28

1-7 SEPTEMBER 2026

Prayer and Fasting Week

Consecrating the term to God

Fasting is not a way to force God's hand. It is a way of humbling ourselves, making room, sharpening hunger and saying with our bodies that God is our greater need. Participation is not a competition. Choose a form that is appropriate to your health, responsibilities and capacity.

Possible ways to fast

A normal fast: Water only for an agreed period, where medically appropriate.

A partial or Daniel fast: Simple foods whilst setting aside richer or preferred foods.

One-meal fast: Miss one meal and use the time to pray.

A daily window: Fast breakfast or fast until a sensible time each day.

Digital restraint: Remove social media or entertainment as an addition to, rather than a substitute for, a food fast where possible.

Please fast safely. If you are pregnant, take medication, have an eating disorder or have any health concern, seek appropriate medical advice and choose a safe alternative. Children should participate only with careful parental guidance.

Corporate prayer

Tuesday 1 September 7:00am online prayer; 7:00pm in-person prayer

Wednesday 2 - Saturday 5 September 7:00am online prayer

Sunday 6 September 9:30am in-person prayer

Monday 7 September 7:00am online prayer

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

The Thirty-Day Journey

Sundays are shaped as Sabbath Reflections: slower, spacious and attentive.

DAY	DATE	FOCUS
1	1 Sep	Recovering Holy Awe
2	2 Sep	Cleansed by Holy Grace
3	3 Sep	The Beauty of His Holiness
4	4 Sep	Consecrated and Available
5	5 Sep	Rejoice with Trembling
6	6 Sep	Be Still Before the Holy One
7	7 Sep	Awakened by Glory
8	8 Sep	When Lesser Fears Lose Their Grip
9	9 Sep	Abide - Do Not Rush Away
10	10 Sep	A Listening Heart
11	11 Sep	The Freedom of Quick Repentance
12	12 Sep	Love with Hands and Feet
13	13 Sep	Rest Under the Father's Smile
14	14 Sep	Walking in the Light
15	15 Sep	Changed by Beholding
16	16 Sep	Holy in Ordinary Places
17	17 Sep	Filled with the Spirit
18	18 Sep	Good News with Texture
19	19 Sep	Repairers of Broken Walls
20	20 Sep	The Oil of Gladness
21	21 Sep	A City on a Hill
22	22 Sep	Sent from the Place of Encounter
23	23 Sep	The Spirit Sends
24	24 Sep	Not Ashamed of the Gospel
25	25 Sep	One Person at a Time
26	26 Sep	Disciples Who Make Disciples
27	27 Sep	Lift Up Your Eyes
28	28 Sep	Planting for Future Generations
29	29 Sep	The Nations Will Come to His Light
30	30 Sep	Formed for Faithfulness

01

DAYS 1-7

BEHOLD THE KING

Recovering holy awe

Isaiah 6:1-8

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DAY 01 | TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

Recovering Holy Awe

READ Isaiah 6:1-8 **GO DEEPER** Psalm 99; Hebrews 12:18-29; Revelation 4; John 12:41

"I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne." - Isaiah 6:1

MEDITATION

Isaiah's world was shaking. King Uzziah had died, a long reign had ended, and the future felt uncertain. Yet the first thing God showed Isaiah was not an empty throne, but an occupied one. Earthly thrones change hands; God's throne never does.

The seraphim were not casual in His presence. They covered their faces and cried, "Holy, holy, holy." The foundations shook, the temple filled with smoke, and Isaiah suddenly saw himself truthfully. This is where renewal begins: not with a larger view of our problems or even a larger view of our potential, but with a fresh vision of God.

Holy fear is not gloomy religion. It is the heart waking up to the weight, beauty and majesty of God. It makes us tremble, but it also draws us near. When God becomes great in our sight, other fears begin to shrink. Our prayer this month is not simply, "Lord, improve us." It is, "Lord, show us Your glory."

SEEING CHRIST

John tells us that Isaiah saw Jesus' glory (John 12:41). The King on the throne is the Christ who came near, bore our sin, rose again and now reigns. The One before whom angels veil their faces is the same Saviour who invites us to come boldly through His blood. In Jesus, awe and access belong together.

REFLECT What has become larger in your sight than God? What changes when you deliberately place it beneath His throne?

PRACTISE Begin with five unhurried minutes of silence. Read Isaiah 6:1-8 aloud twice. Do not rush to ask for anything; simply adore the King.

DAY 01 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Recovering Holy Awe

PRAY

1. Father, lift our eyes above every earthly uncertainty and show us the King who reigns.
2. Give us a larger, clearer and truer vision of Your holiness.
3. Deliver us from casualness, familiarity and distraction in Your presence.
4. Let joyful awe mark our worship, our homes and our gathered church.
5. Where the fear of people controls us, replace it with the fear of the Lord.
6. Where anxiety has become large, make Your sovereignty larger in our sight.
7. Give our children and young people a compelling vision of Christ.
8. Let our leaders serve with humility, courage and an awareness that You are watching.
9. Awaken spiritual hunger across The King's Church, Epsom.
10. May every purpose of Vision 2034 begin and remain in the presence of God.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Holy God, forgive us for making You small in our thoughts. Open the eyes of our hearts. Let us see the beauty of Jesus, feel the weight of Your glory and recover the wonder of belonging to You. Teach us to rejoice and tremble before You. Amen.*

DECLARE *Today I lift my eyes above every earthly throne. The Lord reigns, Christ is glorious, and my life belongs to Him.*

DAY 02 | WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

Cleansed by Holy Grace

READ Isaiah 6:5-8 **GO DEEPER** Psalm 51; Luke 5:1-11; 1 John 1:5-9; Hebrews 10:19-25

"Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." - Isaiah 6:7

MEDITATION

When Isaiah saw the Lord, he did not compare himself with worse people. He cried, "Woe to me!" The light of God's holiness reached his lips, his heart and the culture around him. A true encounter with God removes our appetite for pretending.

But notice what happens next. God does not crush the man who confesses; He cleanses him. The coal from the altar touches the very place Isaiah named. Grace is never vague. God deals with real guilt and brings real forgiveness. Repentance is not grovelling in the hope that God may become kind. It is agreeing with the God who is already moving towards us in mercy.

We often want God to use us whilst protecting the hidden places that need His light. Yet in Isaiah's story, cleansing comes before commissioning. God is not looking for flawless people, but for honest people who will let grace reach them. The church becomes powerful in mission when it is humble in repentance.

SEEING CHRIST

The altar points beyond itself to Jesus. He is both the sacrifice that atones and the Priest who brings us near. Our guilt is not waved away; it is carried by Christ. Because His blood cleanses us, confession can be honest and hope-filled. We do not hide from the Light; we come into it.

REFLECT Is there anything you are managing, explaining away or concealing that God is asking you to confess?

PRACTISE Pray slowly through Psalm 51. Name one specific sin to God, receive His forgiveness, and take one practical step towards change or accountability.

DAY 02 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Cleansed by Holy Grace**PRAY**

- 11.** Search us, O God, and expose what we have excused, hidden or renamed.
- 12.** Give us sorrow for sin without despair, and confidence in the mercy of Christ.
- 13.** Cleanse our speech from gossip, exaggeration, cynicism and careless words.
- 14.** Heal secret habits that weaken our love for You.
- 15.** Restore integrity in our marriages, families, finances and work.
- 16.** Give leaders the humility to repent quickly and openly where appropriate.
- 17.** Free anyone trapped in shame to receive the finished work of Jesus.
- 18.** Make our church safe for honest confession, wise care and lasting change.
- 19.** Let repentance produce fresh joy, tenderness and spiritual authority.
- 20.** Consecrate us for every assignment You have prepared for this term.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Merciful and holy Father, I stop defending myself. Bring every part of me into Your light. Thank You that Jesus has carried my guilt. Cleanse my heart, my lips and my motives, and make me useful in Your hands. Amen.*

DECLARE *In Christ my guilt is taken away. I will walk in the light, repent quickly and live with a clean heart before God.*

DAY 03 | THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Beauty of His Holiness

READ Isaiah 6:1-4 **GO DEEPER** Exodus 15:11; Psalm 27:4; Psalm 96:9; Revelation 4:6-11

"Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness." - Psalm 96:9

MEDITATION

We sometimes reduce holiness to a list of things God does not do and Christians should not do. Scripture gives us a far richer vision. God's holiness is His utter purity, His blazing uniqueness and the beauty of everything He is. His love is holy love. His power is holy power. His justice, mercy, wisdom and faithfulness are without stain.

That is why heaven never tires of "Holy, holy, holy." The repetition is not empty. It is the language of creatures who keep discovering that God is beyond comparison. Worship deepens when God Himself becomes the treasure, not merely the One who gives us other treasures.

The fear of the Lord grows where wonder grows. We lose holy fear when God becomes familiar, manageable or useful to our plans. Today, resist the urge to hurry. Let the beauty of God interrupt you. He is not one important part of life; He is the One from whom all life comes and to whom all life returns.

SEEING CHRIST

The holiness that overwhelms us shines in the face of Jesus Christ. He is full of grace and truth, undefiled and yet approachable. At the cross, holy justice and holy love meet without either being diminished. To behold Jesus is to see that God's holiness is not cold distance but radiant, costly beauty.

REFLECT When you think of holiness, do you think first of beauty and wholeness, or only restriction? Why?

PRACTISE Write down five qualities of God revealed in today's readings. Turn each one into a sentence of worship before making any request.

DAY 03 | PRAYER RESPONSE

The Beauty of His Holiness

PRAY

21. Lord, restore wonder where worship has become routine.
22. Teach us to desire Your face more than Your gifts.
23. Purify our imagination and reshape what we call beautiful.
24. Let the holiness of Christ expose the false glamour of sin.
25. Give our worship teams, preachers and prayer leaders a deep awareness of You.
26. Fill our Sunday gatherings with truth, joy and reverent expectation.
27. Make our private devotion as sincere as our public worship.
28. Let visitors among us sense the reality and goodness of Your presence.
29. Form a holy people who are warm, humble and full of grace.
30. May our life together display the beauty of Jesus to Epsom and beyond.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *God of incomparable beauty, free me from small and shallow thoughts of You. Capture my heart again. Let Your holiness become lovely to me, Your presence become precious to me, and Your praise become the natural language of my life. Amen.*

DECLARE *There is no one like the Lord. His holiness is beautiful, His ways are good, and He alone is worthy of my worship.*

DAY 04 | FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

Consecrated and Available

READ Isaiah 6:6-8 **GO DEEPER** Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:20-21; Luke 1:38; Acts 9:6

"Here am I. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8

MEDITATION

Isaiah's "Here am I" did not come from restless ambition. It came after beholding, confessing and receiving grace. The order matters. God does not call us first to prove ourselves, but to yield ourselves.

Consecration is more than volunteering for church activity. It is placing the whole life on God's altar: time, body, relationships, ambitions, home, money, gifts and future. It is saying, "Lord, nothing is withheld." Some of us are available for the assignments we enjoy, but not for the obedience that inconveniences us. Yet the fear of the Lord asks a deeper question: not merely, "What would I like to do?" but, "What would please Him?"

Availability does not mean knowing every detail. Isaiah did not receive a full career plan before he answered. Mary said yes before she understood the cost. Consecrated people trust the character of the One who calls them. The safest place is not the easiest place; it is the will of God.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the truly consecrated Servant: "I have come to do your will." He withheld nothing from the Father and nothing necessary for our salvation. We do not offer ourselves to earn His love. We offer ourselves because, in Christ, mercy has already claimed us.

REFLECT Which part of your life is easiest to offer to God? Which part do you instinctively protect?

PRACTISE Open your diary and bank statement prayerfully. Ask, "What do these reveal about what I value?" Make one concrete act of consecration today.

DAY 04 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Consecrated and Available**PRAY**

31. Lord Jesus, make us wholly Yours, with no locked rooms in our lives.
32. Expose selective obedience and give us an undivided heart.
33. Consecrate our bodies, habits, diaries and digital lives.
34. Teach us to hold plans and ambitions with open hands.
35. Stir dormant gifts and call hesitant people into faithful service.
36. Give every ministry team fresh joy, unity and spiritual strength.
37. Raise disciples who serve when no one applauds or notices.
38. Review our staffing, leadership capacity and ministry structures so we are equipped for Vision 2034.
39. Give us courage to say yes before we can see the whole path.
40. Send us into homes, workplaces, schools and communities as servants of Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Lord, I am not my own; I was bought at a price. Take my ordinary life and make it an instrument of Your holy purpose. Give me grace to obey promptly, serve humbly and trust You fully. Here I am. Amen.*

DECLARE *By the mercy of God, I offer my whole life to Him. I am available, teachable and ready to obey.*

DAY 05 | SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2026

Rejoice with Trembling

READ Psalm 2:10-12 **GO DEEPER** Psalm 130:3-4; Proverbs 9:10; Hebrews 12:28-29; 1 Peter 1:17-21

"Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling." - Psalm 2:11

MEDITATION

Can joy and trembling live in the same heart? Scripture says they must. The fear of God is not the enemy of delight; it protects delight from becoming shallow. We rejoice because the King is good, and we tremble because He is God.

There is a fear that drives people away: the dread of punishment, exposure and rejection. For those who are in Christ, condemnation has been removed. Yet there is another fear that draws us close: the reverent, loving fear of a child who treasures the Father's smile and does not want to grieve Him. This holy fear produces confidence without presumption, intimacy without casualness and obedience without bargaining.

Grace does not make God less awesome. Grace reveals how awesome He is. The cross shows both the seriousness of sin and the depth of divine love. If we only tremble, we may hide. If we only celebrate, we may become careless. The gospel teaches us to do both: rejoice and tremble.

SEEING CHRIST

Psalm 2 calls us to take refuge in the Son. The Judge is also our refuge. Jesus bore the judgment we deserved and brings us into the Father's welcome. We can approach with confidence, not because God has become ordinary, but because Christ has made a holy way.

REFLECT Do you tend to approach God with fearful distance or careless familiarity? What gospel truth corrects you?

PRACTISE Pray Hebrews 12:28-29. Thank God specifically for His grace, then name one area where reverence should change your behaviour.

DAY 05 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Rejoice with Trembling**PRAY**

41. Father, free us from cringing fear that doubts Your welcome in Christ.
42. Deliver us also from careless familiarity and cheap grace.
43. Give us tender consciences that respond quickly to Your Word.
44. Teach us to treasure Your pleasure above human approval.
45. Let forgiveness deepen, not diminish, our reverence.
46. Form homes where joy and godly order flourish together.
47. Give us worship that is exuberant, truthful and centred on You.
48. Help us obey even when the cost is private and unseen.
49. Make The King's Church a place of both deep joy and holy seriousness.
50. Let our rejoicing and trembling display the beauty of the gospel.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Father, thank You that I am welcomed through Your Son. Keep me near enough to enjoy Your love and awake enough to honour Your holiness. May I never use grace as permission to drift. Teach me to rejoice and tremble. Amen.*

DECLARE *I take refuge in the Son. I am welcomed by grace, and I will worship the Lord with grateful, joyful reverence.*

DAY 06 | SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

Be Still Before the Holy One

READ Psalm 46 **GO DEEPER** Psalm 131; Habakkuk 2:20; Mark 6:30-32; Revelation 1:9-18

"Be still, and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10

MEDITATION

Sabbath is an act of holy fear because it admits that God is God and we are not. We stop, not because everything is finished, but because we trust the One who never slumbers. Our hurry can sometimes reveal an exaggerated sense of our own importance. Stillness puts us back in our proper place.

Biblical stillness is not emptying the mind; it is quieting the heart before the truth of who God is. Psalm 46 speaks of roaring waters, shaking mountains and warring nations, yet God remains "an ever-present help." Peace does not come from pretending the world is calm. It comes from knowing who is present in the storm.

Today, do not measure your devotion by how much you complete. Receive the gift of being with God. Look back over the week. Where did He meet you? What did He expose? What invitation are you carrying forward? Rest is not a pause from discipleship; it is part of how God forms trusting people.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus invited His disciples to come away and rest, and He is Himself our deepest rest. The risen Christ who says, "Do not be afraid," holds the keys of death and Hades. We can release our grip because our lives are held in His hands.

REFLECT Where have you noticed God during the first five days? What are you still resisting?

PRACTISE Take an unhurried walk without headphones. Notice creation, breathe slowly, and repeat: "You are God; I am held."

DAY 06 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Be Still Before the Holy One

PRAY

51. Lord, quiet the noise within us and make us attentive to You.
52. Forgive our self-importance, hurry and refusal to receive limits.
53. Give rest to those carrying grief, exhaustion or hidden pressure.
54. Restore bodies, minds and emotions worn thin by responsibility.
55. Teach families to create life-giving rhythms of worship and rest.
56. Let today's gathering carry the peace and power of Your presence.
57. Help us notice and celebrate what You have done this week.
58. Clarify anything You have spoken that we need to obey.
59. Renew prayer leaders and all who have served during this fast.
60. Make us a people whose calm confidence points others to Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Holy One, the world is Yours and the church is Yours. I release what I cannot control. Quiet my heart, settle my thoughts and let me rest beneath Your rule. Speak, Lord; Your servant is listening. Amen.*

DECLARE *God is our refuge and strength. I will be still, receive His rest and trust His unfailing rule.*

DAY 07 | MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2026

Awakened by Glory

READ Isaiah 60:1-5 **GO DEEPER** Ephesians 5:8-14; 2 Corinthians 4:6; John 1:1-9; Revelation 21:22-27

"Arise, shine, for your light has come." - Isaiah 60:1

MEDITATION

Isaiah does not tell Zion to create light. He announces that her light has come. We arise because God has acted. We shine because His glory has risen upon us.

The darkness in Isaiah 60 is real and thick, but it does not have the final word. God's answer to darkness is a people illuminated by His presence. This is more than personal inspiration. Nations are drawn, sons and daughters return, resources are released and a city becomes radiant with the character of God.

As our week of prayer and fasting closes, we are not leaving the presence of God behind. We are carrying its fruit into the term. An encounter that never changes how we live is only an experience. Glory awakens responsibility. God has placed The King's Church in this time and place to know Jesus intimately, make Him known radically and teach others to know Him personally. The command is simple: arise.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the Light of the world. The God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," shines in our hearts through the face of Christ. We do not advertise ourselves; we bear witness to Him. His life in us becomes light for others.

REFLECT Where is God calling you to arise from passivity? Who might see Christ more clearly through your obedient life?

PRACTISE Write the name of one person or place that needs Christ's light. Pray daily for them throughout September and take one loving step this week.

DAY 07 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Awakened by Glory**PRAY**

61. Lord, awaken every sleeping, discouraged or passive heart among us.
62. Let the light of Christ expose and overcome personal darkness.
63. Fill us with hope that is stronger than the darkness around us.
64. Draw prodigal sons and daughters home to the Father.
65. Make our welcome visible to strangers, newcomers and the lonely.
66. Let healings, conversions and restored lives point people to Jesus.
67. Give us favour and credibility as we serve Epsom and surrounding communities.
68. Prepare the people, place and provision for our first South West London church plant.
69. Make us courageous carriers of Your presence into the new term.
70. Let the light of Christ in us lead many people to worship God.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *God of light, awaken me from spiritual sleep. Let the glory of Jesus rise over every shadow in my life. Make our church radiant with truth, holiness, compassion and power. We arise because You have come to us. Amen.*

DECLARE *My light has come in Jesus Christ. I will arise, walk in His light and make Him known.*

02

DAYS 8-14

WALK WITH THE KING

Learning His nearness and His ways

John 15:4

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DAY 08 | TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

When Lesser Fears Lose Their Grip

READ Psalm 25:8-15 **GO DEEPER** Proverbs 14:26-27; Isaiah 8:11-14; Matthew 10:26-31; Acts 9:31

"Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them." - Psalm 25:12

MEDITATION

We all fear something. We fear failure, rejection, loss, illness, embarrassment, uncertainty or not having enough. The answer is not to become fearless in ourselves. Scripture gives us a greater fear that puts every lesser fear in its place.

The fear of the Lord is not panic; it is a settled awareness that God's opinion carries more weight than every other voice. It gives "a secure fortress" and becomes "a fountain of life." When we fear God rightly, we can tell the truth when lying would be easier, obey when compromise would be popular and remain peaceful when circumstances are unstable.

Psalm 25 connects holy fear with guidance and friendship. God entrusts His ways to those who take Him seriously. This is deeply relational. We do not merely want direction from God; we want to walk with God. The person who trembles at His Word becomes steady before the world.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus feared His Father perfectly and therefore could stand unshaken before crowds, rulers, storms and the cross. In Him, we are freed from slavery to the fear of death and given the Spirit of adoption. We can be courageous because our Father sees, knows and values us.

REFLECT Whose approval are you most tempted to protect? How would fearing God reshape that choice?

PRACTISE Complete this sentence honestly: "Because I fear _____, I tend to _____." Then answer it with one truth from Matthew 10:26-31.

DAY 08 | PRAYER RESPONSE

When Lesser Fears Lose Their Grip**PRAY**

- 71. Father, reveal the lesser fears that quietly govern our decisions.
- 72. Replace fear of people with reverence for Your voice.
- 73. Give courage to those facing difficult conversations or costly obedience.
- 74. Break the grip of anxiety through the truth of Your fatherly care.
- 75. Make our children secure in Your love and brave in their faith.
- 76. Strengthen believers facing hostility, ridicule or exclusion.
- 77. Give wisdom to leaders carrying complex decisions this term.
- 78. Let our church enjoy the encouragement of the Holy Spirit and grow.
- 79. Teach us Your ways as we wait for direction about the future.
- 80. Make us calm, truthful and courageous witnesses to Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Father, You are greater than every voice I fear. Teach my heart to give Your Word first and final weight. Let Your perfect love drive out torment, and let holy fear make me wise, steady and brave. Amen.*

DECLARE *The Lord is my confidence and my refuge. I will fear Him, trust His care and obey without intimidation.*

DAY 09 | WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

Abide - Do Not Rush Away

READ John 15:1-11 **GO DEEPER** Psalm 1; Colossians 2:6-7; Galatians 2:20; 1 John 2:24-28

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you." - John 15:4

MEDITATION

Jesus does not say, "Visit Me when life becomes difficult." He says, "Remain in Me." Abiding is the daily life of communion in which His Word stays in us, His love steadies us and His life bears fruit through us.

We often prefer visible activity because it feels productive. But branches do not strain to manufacture grapes; they remain connected to the vine. This is not passivity. It is dependence. Apart from Christ, even impressive ministry can become noise. With Him, ordinary obedience carries eternal fruit.

The Father's pruning can feel like loss. He may remove distractions, unhealthy dependencies or even good things that keep us from the best. Pruning is not rejection. It is the careful work of a Father committed to fruitfulness. The fear of the Lord teaches us to stay under His hand rather than escape every discomfort. Do not rush away from the place where Christ is making you fruitful.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is not merely the example of a fruitful life; He is the Vine from whom life flows. Our union with Him is gift before it is task. Because He holds us, abiding is a responsive trust: receiving His Word, returning to His love and obeying what He says.

REFLECT What activity most often crowds out simple fellowship with Jesus? What might the Father be pruning?

PRACTISE Choose one verse from John 15. Read it slowly, emphasising a different word each time, then turn it into prayer.

DAY 09 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Abide - Do Not Rush Away

PRAY

81. Lord Jesus, draw us from occasional contact into daily communion with You.
82. Let Your Word dwell richly in our minds, conversations and homes.
83. Expose activity that has replaced dependence.
84. Give grace to receive the Father's pruning without resentment.
85. Cut away distractions that scatter our attention and affection.
86. Restore secret prayer to the centre of our discipleship.
87. Make every ministry flow from fellowship with Christ.
88. Produce love, joy, patience and lasting character among us.
89. Keep those in dry seasons from abandoning the place of trust.
90. Let the fruit of our lives bring glory to the Father.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Lord Jesus, You are my life. Forgive me for trying to produce without abiding. Keep me near Your Word, awake to Your love and responsive to Your pruning. Bear in me fruit that will last. Amen.*

DECLARE *Christ is the true Vine and I belong to Him. I will remain in His love, receive His Word and bear lasting fruit.*

DAY 10 | THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

A Listening Heart

READ 1 Samuel 3:1-10 **GO DEEPER** Isaiah 50:4-5; Isaiah 66:1-2; John 10:1-5, 27; James 1:19-25

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." - 1 Samuel 3:9

MEDITATION

Samuel lived in a time when the word of the Lord was rare, yet God had not become silent. The boy simply had to learn to recognise the voice calling his name. Listening is a learned posture.

God is always the One who speaks first. He speaks supremely in Scripture and finally in His Son. Prayer is therefore not an attempt to wake a distant God; it is our response to the conversation He has begun. We listen with an open Bible, a humble heart and a readiness to obey.

Many of us want guidance without surrender. But Samuel's words join hearing and servanthood: "Your servant is listening." Holy fear does not treat God's voice as one opinion among many. It trembles at His Word. We test every impression by Scripture, welcome the wisdom of the church and refuse the vanity of claiming "God said" carelessly. Yet we also expect the living Shepherd to guide His people.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the Father's perfect Word and the Good Shepherd whose sheep know His voice. He listened to the Father morning by morning and spoke only what He received. Through His Spirit, He forms the same attentive obedience in us.

REFLECT When Scripture confronts your preference, which one normally wins? What does that reveal about listening?

PRACTISE Read today's passage aloud. Sit in silence for three minutes, then write one sentence beginning, "The obedience God is inviting me into is..."

DAY 10 | PRAYER RESPONSE

A Listening Heart**PRAY**

91. Speak, Lord, and give us hearts that are quiet enough to hear.
92. Renew our appetite for Scripture as Your trustworthy Word.
93. Deliver us from selective hearing and delayed obedience.
94. Help us distinguish Your leading from impulse, fear and ambition.
95. Give prophetic gifts that are humble, biblical and strengthening.
96. Teach us to weigh impressions together with wisdom and grace.
97. Speak encouragement to those who feel forgotten or directionless.
98. Guide our elders and leaders clearly in the priorities of this term.
99. Make Life Groups places where Your Word is heard and obeyed.
100. Give us ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Speaking God, still my inner arguments and make me teachable. Let Your written Word search me, and let Your Spirit apply it with clarity. Save me from careless claims and stubborn resistance. Speak, Lord; Your servant is listening. Amen.*

DECLARE *The Lord is my Shepherd and His Word is trustworthy. I will listen humbly, test carefully and obey promptly.*

DAY 11 | FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Freedom of Quick Repentance

READ Psalm 51:1-12 **GO DEEPER** Proverbs 28:13; Revelation 2:1-7; Luke 15:17-24; 2 Corinthians 7:8-11

"A broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." - Psalm 51:17

MEDITATION

Repentance is not only the doorway into the Christian life; it is the rhythm of intimacy. We drift when we begin to defend what God is asking us to surrender.

David's prayer is painfully honest. He does not blame pressure, opportunity or other people. He asks for mercy, cleansing and a renewed spirit. Yet Psalm 51 is not hopeless. David knows the character of the God to whom he confesses. The Lord does not despise a broken and contrite heart.

Quick repentance keeps the heart soft. Delayed repentance gives sin time to build explanations, habits and hiding places. Holy fear makes us eager to restore fellowship because we value God's presence more than the appearance of being right. Repentance is not self-hatred. It is coming to our senses in the Father's house. The aim is not endless introspection but restored joy, renewed obedience and a life that can strengthen others.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus received sinners and carried their guilt. In the risen Christ, repentance is a return to the One whose arms are already open. He does not humiliate the contrite; He restores them, as He restored Peter, and entrusts them with faithful service.

REFLECT Is there an apology, confession or change you have delayed? What are you protecting by delaying it?

PRACTISE Make one apology today without adding "if", "but" or an explanation that shifts responsibility.

DAY 11 | PRAYER RESPONSE

The Freedom of Quick Repentance

PRAY

- 101.** Father, give us soft hearts that do not argue with Your conviction.
- 102.** Show us where pride has made apology difficult.
- 103.** Teach us to confess without excuse, blame or vague language.
- 104.** Restore the joy of salvation to those burdened by failure.
- 105.** Heal relationships through truthful repentance and wise forgiveness.
- 106.** Guard us from false repentance that feels sorry but does not change.
- 107.** Give parents and leaders grace to model humble apology.
- 108.** Rekindle first love where devotion to Jesus has cooled.
- 109.** Let repentance clear the way for fresh spiritual power.
- 110.** Make us a community known for truth, mercy and restored lives.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Merciful Father, I value Your presence more than my pride. Where I have sinned, help me name it. Where I have wounded others, help me make it right. Create in me a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Amen.*

DECLARE *I will not hide from God. His mercy is greater than my sin, and quick repentance will keep my heart tender.*

DAY 12 | SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

Love with Hands and Feet

READ John 14:15-24 **GO DEEPER** Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Psalm 119:33-40; James 1:22-25; 1 John 5:1-5

"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching." - John 14:23

MEDITATION

Obedience has sometimes been presented as the opposite of grace. Jesus speaks differently. Obedience is love with hands and feet. It is the glad response of a heart that treasures Him.

We do not obey to persuade the Father to love us. In Christ, we are already loved. But grace does not leave us self-ruled. The Holy Spirit writes God's ways upon the heart and enables us to say yes. The fear of the Lord takes His commands seriously because it takes His goodness seriously.

Selective obedience says, "I will follow where I agree." Delayed obedience says, "I will follow when it is convenient." Joyful obedience says, "Because You are wise and good, I trust Your way before I see every outcome." Sometimes the deepest spiritual breakthrough is not another meeting or dramatic moment. It is doing the last clear thing God told us to do.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus loved the Father and obeyed Him all the way to the cross. His obedience is counted as ours, and His Spirit now forms His willing life within us. We follow not as abandoned servants trying to earn a place, but as loved children sharing the Son's delight in the Father.

REFLECT What clear teaching of Jesus do you find easiest to discuss and hardest to practise?

PRACTISE Choose one direct command from John 14 or James 1 and obey it deliberately today.

DAY 12 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Love with Hands and Feet**PRAY**

- 111.** Lord, unite our love for You with practical obedience.
- 112.** Expose the commands we admire but do not practise.
- 113.** Give us grace to obey when no one else will know.
- 114.** Break patterns of procrastination in spiritual matters.
- 115.** Teach us to trust Your wisdom when obedience is costly.
- 116.** Help families order their homes around the ways of Jesus.
- 117.** Make integrity visible in our work, study and finances.
- 118.** Strengthen anyone facing pressure to compromise.
- 119.** Let the Holy Spirit make obedience joyful rather than heavy.
- 120.** Form faithful people who finish what You entrust to them.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Lord Jesus, I love You because You first loved me. Save me from words without obedience. By Your Spirit, make my yes sincere, prompt and joyful. Let my choices show that Your wisdom is better than mine. Amen.*

DECLARE *I am loved by God and empowered by His Spirit. I will hear the words of Jesus and put them into practice.*

DAY 13 | SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Rest Under the Father's Smile

READ Psalm 131 **GO DEEPER** Zephaniah 3:14-17; Matthew 11:25-30; Romans 8:14-17; Hebrews 4:9-11

"I have calmed and quieted myself." - Psalm 131:2

MEDITATION

There is a way of seeking God that is secretly anxious: we pray, read and serve as though everything depends on performing well enough to keep His attention. The gospel teaches us to rest under the Father's smile.

Psalm 131 pictures a weaned child, no longer clamouring for what the mother can provide, but quiet in the mother's presence. Spiritual maturity is not needing God less. It is learning to want God for God Himself. The soul settles when it stops using devotion as a transaction.

Today, receive before you achieve. You are not an employee on probation in the Father's house. In Christ you have received the Spirit of adoption. The Father corrects His children, but He does not toy with them. He delights over His people with singing. Sabbath makes room to hear that song again.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is gentle and humble in heart. He does not add religious weight to tired shoulders; He brings us into His own relationship with the Father. Because the beloved Son has carried our burden, we can learn His unforced rhythm of trust and obedience.

REFLECT Where has your relationship with God begun to feel like a performance review?

PRACTISE Receive the Lord's Supper or your Sunday worship slowly. When you hear words of grace, answer quietly: "This is for me in Christ."

DAY 13 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Rest Under the Father's Smile

PRAY

- 121. Father, quiet the part of us that strives to earn Your attention.
- 122. Root our identity in Christ rather than achievement or approval.
- 123. Give rest to those who feel spiritually inadequate.
- 124. Heal distorted pictures of fatherhood through Your faithful love.
- 125. Let children and young people know they are seen and cherished.
- 126. Teach us to receive correction without fearing rejection.
- 127. Restore simple delight in Scripture, worship and prayer.
- 128. Renew carers, parents, leaders and all who pour themselves out.
- 129. Let our gathered worship carry the joy of adopted sons and daughters.
- 130. Make our church a home where weary people encounter Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Abba Father, I lay down the need to prove myself. Thank You that the Son has brought me home. Calm and quiet my soul. Let me serve from love, repent within love and rest securely beneath Your smile. Amen.*

DECLARE *I have received the Spirit of adoption. I am held by the Father, yoked to the Son and led by the Spirit.*

DAY 14 | MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

Walking in the Light

READ 1 John 1:5-2:2 **GO DEEPER** Psalm 32; Ephesians 5:8-14; James 5:16; John 3:19-21

"If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus... purifies us." - 1 John 1:7

MEDITATION

Walking in the light does not mean pretending to have no sin. John says the opposite: those who claim sinlessness deceive themselves. To walk in the light is to refuse hiding. It is a life open to God, honest with trusted believers and continually cleansed by Jesus.

Darkness thrives on secrecy. It whispers, "If people knew, you would be finished." The gospel says, "In Christ, you can tell the truth and begin to heal." Confession is not public exposure without wisdom. Some matters require confidential pastoral or professional care. But none of us was designed to fight alone.

Holy fear brings us into the light because God's holiness matters more than our image. And grace keeps us there because Christ is our Advocate. A transparent church is not a church with no problems. It is a church where problems do not need to wear masks.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is both the Light who exposes and the Advocate who defends. He does not reveal sin in order to abandon us. His blood cleanses, His righteousness covers and His Spirit leads us into truth. We are safer in His light than in our hiding.

REFLECT Where are you tempted to manage appearances instead of seeking transformation?

PRACTISE Share one real struggle with a mature, trustworthy Christian and ask for prayer. Where safety or serious harm is involved, seek appropriate pastoral or professional help.

DAY 14 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Walking in the Light**PRAY**

- 131.** God of light, uncover every hidden work that is harming us.
- 132.** Free people trapped by secret addiction, deception or double lives.
- 133.** Give courage to seek wise, confidential help.
- 134.** Make our pastoral care truthful, safe and full of grace.
- 135.** Protect vulnerable people and bring wrongdoing into proper accountability.
- 136.** Teach friends and Life Groups to carry confession without gossip.
- 137.** Restore trust where truth and repentance have opened a path.
- 138.** Guard our church from hypocrisy and image-management.
- 139.** Let the blood of Jesus silence shame and accusation.
- 140.** Make us children of light in a culture of concealment.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *God of perfect light, I step out of hiding. Search me and lead me in truth. Thank You that Jesus is my Advocate and His blood cleanses me. Give me courage to seek help and grace to walk openly before You. Amen.*

DECLARE *I belong to the Light. I will not build my life in secrecy; Jesus cleanses me and leads me in truth.*

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DAYS 15-21

SHINE FOR THE KING

Reflecting His holiness, presence and compassion

Isaiah 60:1

REJOICE & TREMBLE

DAY 15 | TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Changed by Beholding

READ 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 **GO DEEPER** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 34:1-5; Romans 8:28-30; 1 John 3:1-3

"We all... are being transformed into his image." - 2 Corinthians 3:18

MEDITATION

Christian formation is not merely trying harder to behave like Jesus. Paul describes a deeper miracle: as we behold the Lord's glory, the Spirit transforms us into His image.

We become like what we repeatedly admire. Our age understands this; screens quietly disciple our desires, reactions and sense of worth. The answer is not simply less looking, but better beholding. We need the beauty of Christ to become more compelling than the images competing for our hearts.

This transformation is gradual - "with ever-increasing glory." We may want instant maturity, but the Spirit often works through repeated attention: Scripture opened, worship offered, sin confessed, community embraced and obedience practised. Do not despise slow change. Keep turning your face towards Jesus. A radiant church is formed by people who have been with the Lord.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the image of the invisible God and the radiance of His glory. We are not gazing at an abstract ideal; we are looking to the crucified and risen Lord. His glory has the shape of self-giving love, holiness, courage and mercy.

REFLECT What are you beholding most often, and what kind of person is it forming you to become?

PRACTISE Replace fifteen minutes of scrolling with slow meditation on one Gospel scene. Notice what Jesus loves, refuses and does.

DAY 15 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Changed by Beholding**PRAY**

- 141.** Holy Spirit, reveal the beauty of Jesus to us afresh.
- 142.** Redirect our attention from images that deform our desires.
- 143.** Renew our minds through sustained meditation on Scripture.
- 144.** Make us patient with the Spirit's steady work of transformation.
- 145.** Form Christlike character beneath our gifts and public roles.
- 146.** Heal comparison and the hunger to perform for attention.
- 147.** Let children and young people find their identity in Christ.
- 148.** Make our leaders increasingly humble, holy and courageous.
- 149.** Let our life together reflect the generosity and truth of Jesus.
- 150.** Cause Epsom to recognise that we have been with the Lord.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Spirit of the living God, turn my eyes towards Jesus. Break the power of lesser images and shallow admiration. Form His humility, purity, courage and compassion in me, from one degree of glory to another. Amen.*

DECLARE *I behold the glory of the Lord in Jesus Christ. By His Spirit, I am being changed into His likeness.*

DAY 16 | WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

Holy in Ordinary Places

READ 1 Peter 1:13-21 **GO DEEPER** Colossians 3:12-24; Titus 2:9-14; Micah 6:8; Daniel 6:1-5

"Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." - 1 Peter 1:15

MEDITATION

Holiness belongs in kitchens, emails, classrooms, budgets, building sites, hospitals and difficult meetings. Peter does not say, "Be holy in obviously spiritual moments." He says, "in all you do."

This makes ordinary life sacred territory. The fear of God changes how we work when the supervisor is absent, how we speak about people who frustrate us, what we do with private access and how we handle money that is not ours. Daniel's enemies could find no corruption or negligence in him. His excellence did not hide his faith; it displayed it.

Holiness is not withdrawal from the world. It is distinctiveness within it. We refuse both self-righteous superiority and easy compromise. We show a better way: honest, diligent, compassionate, sexually pure, financially trustworthy and generous. The gospel becomes visible when Christ's character reaches Monday morning.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus lived a completely holy human life in ordinary places: home, workshop, road, table and crowd. He has redeemed us from an empty way of life and given His Spirit so that His holiness can take practical shape in ours.

REFLECT Which ordinary setting most exposes the gap between your public faith and private character?

PRACTISE Choose one routine task you normally resent. Do it carefully and gladly today as an offering to Christ.

DAY 16 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Holy in Ordinary Places

PRAY

- 151. Lord, make us holy in the unnoticed details of ordinary life.
- 152. Give integrity to everyone handling money, information or influence.
- 153. Purify our speech in meetings, messages and private conversations.
- 154. Help us work diligently without making work our identity.
- 155. Give courage to refuse dishonest or exploitative practices.
- 156. Let Christian employers and managers lead justly and compassionately.
- 157. Strengthen those serving in hostile or morally complex workplaces.
- 158. Make our homes places of patience, truth and honour.
- 159. Open doors for natural conversations about Jesus at work and school.
- 160. Let excellent, humble service commend the gospel in our community.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Holy God, claim the ordinary parts of my day. Let the unseen choices honour You. Give me clean hands, a truthful mouth, diligent work and a compassionate heart. May Jesus be visible in all I do. Amen.*

DECLARE *Every part of my life belongs to God. By grace, I will be holy, honest and faithful in all I do.*

DAY 17 | THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Filled with the Spirit

READ Ephesians 5:15-21 **GO DEEPER** Acts 1:4-8; Acts 4:23-31; Galatians 5:16-25; John 7:37-39

"Be filled with the Spirit." - Ephesians 5:18

MEDITATION

The Spirit-filled life is not a badge for a special class of Christian. It is the normal, repeated dependence of the whole church. Paul's command carries the sense of continuing to be filled.

The Spirit glorifies Jesus, makes us holy, strengthens witness, distributes gifts and forms a worshipping, thankful, mutually submitted people. We should not separate His power from His fruit. Bold speech without love is noise; claimed spirituality without holiness misrepresents Him. Equally, we should not reduce the Spirit to quiet character formation and lose expectation for His gifts and manifest activity among us.

God is everywhere, yet Scripture also speaks of His presence becoming known and powerfully displayed among His people. We long for that: not excitement for its own sake, but Christ made real, sinners convicted, believers strengthened, bodies healed, gifts released and mission advanced. Come, Holy Spirit.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the Spirit-anointed Son. He pours out the promised Spirit upon His church so that we can continue His witness in the world. The Spirit never competes with Christ; He makes Christ present and precious to us.

REFLECT Do you tend to seek the Spirit's power without His fruit, or His fruit without expecting His power?

PRACTISE Ask a mature believer to pray with you for fresh filling. Then look for one person you can encourage, serve or pray for today.

DAY 17 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Filled with the Spirit**PRAY**

- 161.** Father, fill every believer afresh with the Holy Spirit.
- 162.** Glorify Jesus in our worship, preaching, prayer and conversations.
- 163.** Produce love, joy, peace and self-control alongside spiritual gifts.
- 164.** Release prophecy, healing, faith, mercy and wise discernment.
- 165.** Give us courage to pray for the sick with humility and expectation.
- 166.** Break fear and fill us with boldness to speak about Jesus.
- 167.** Let young and old hear Your voice and serve in Your power.
- 168.** Guard us from hype, manipulation and quenching genuine spiritual life.
- 169.** Let the manifest presence of God bring conviction, freedom and joy.
- 170.** Empower every part of Vision 2034 beyond our natural capacity.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Holy Spirit, fill me again. Magnify Jesus, purify my motives and make my life available to Your gifts. Keep me from both unbelief and exaggeration. Let Your presence bring holy power, deep love and courageous witness. Amen.*

DECLARE *The risen Jesus pours out His Spirit. I will walk in step with Him, bear His fruit and serve in His power.*

DAY 18 | FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

Good News with Texture

READ Isaiah 61:1-4 **GO DEEPER** Luke 4:14-21; Matthew 9:35-38; James 2:14-17; Acts 10:36-38

"He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." - Isaiah 61:1

MEDITATION

The good news Jesus announces has texture. It reaches poor people, broken hearts, prisoners, mourners and ruined places. It is proclaimed in words and demonstrated in compassionate action.

We must not shrink the gospel into general kindness; people need the news that Jesus died, rose and reigns. But neither should we speak of salvation whilst ignoring wounds directly in front of us. Jesus taught, proclaimed and healed. His kingdom addresses guilt and grief, alienation and injustice, the soul and the body.

The fear of the Lord teaches us to see people as God sees them, never as projects or interruptions. Compassion is not pity from a safe distance. It moves towards pain with truth, dignity and practical love. We may not be able to repair everything, but by the Spirit of the Lord we can bring good news to someone.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus reads Isaiah 61 and says, "Today this scripture is fulfilled." He is the Anointed One and the good news in person. Through union with Him, the church shares His anointing and continues His compassionate mission without pretending to replace Him.

REFLECT Whose pain have you noticed but kept at a convenient distance?

PRACTISE Offer one concrete act of help today. Ask the person's name, listen before advising, and pray with them if they welcome it.

DAY 18 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Good News with Texture**PRAY**

- 171.** Lord Jesus, give us Your compassion for people who are hurting.
- 172.** Open our eyes to poverty, loneliness and hidden grief nearby.
- 173.** Anoint our words to explain the gospel clearly and warmly.
- 174.** Give practical wisdom to serve without patronising or creating dependence.
- 175.** Bring comfort and community to those who mourn.
- 176.** Set people free from addiction, oppression and destructive patterns.
- 177.** Strengthen ministries serving families, young people and vulnerable people.
- 178.** Build partnerships that increase our capacity to bless the community.
- 179.** Let signs of the kingdom accompany the announcement of the King.
- 180.** Make The King's Church known for both gospel clarity and costly compassion.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Anointed Jesus, let Your heart shape ours. Save us from words without love and compassion without truth. Fill us with the Spirit so that good news becomes audible, visible and tangible through our life together. Amen.*

DECLARE *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Jesus, and He sends His church. I will proclaim good news and practise compassionate love.*

DAY 19 | SATURDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2026

Repairers of Broken Walls

READ Isaiah 58:6-12 **GO DEEPER** Nehemiah 2:11-20; Jeremiah 29:4-7; Matthew 25:31-40; Titus 3:3-8

"You will be called Repairer of Broken Walls." - Isaiah 58:12

MEDITATION

Isaiah 58 confronts worship that sounds spiritual but leaves injustice untouched. God desires prayer and fasting that loosen chains, feed hungry people, shelter the vulnerable and repair what has been ruined.

We live among many broken walls: fractured families, isolated elderly people, anxious young people, debt, homelessness, mistrust and communities that no longer know their neighbours. The church cannot solve every problem, but it must not walk past the city God has called it to love.

Repair is usually patient work. Nehemiah inspected the rubble, gathered people and built section by section. Community transformation rarely comes through one dramatic event. It grows through faithful presence, credible partnerships, prayer, generosity and people willing to take responsibility for the piece of wall in front of them. As we pour ourselves out, God promises guidance and renewal.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus entered the ruins of our world and rebuilt what sin destroyed. He is making one new humanity and preparing a renewed creation. Every act of repair done in His name is a signpost towards the restoration He will complete.

REFLECT Which "broken wall" in your neighbourhood moves you most deeply? Could that concern be part of your calling?

PRACTISE Learn the name and work of one local organisation addressing a need you care about. Pray for it and consider one practical way to support it.

DAY 19 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Repairers of Broken Walls**PRAY**

- 181.** God of justice, show us the broken walls You are asking us to notice.
- 182.** Purify our fasting from self-focus and let it produce generosity.
- 183.** Give wisdom and provision to those facing housing or financial crisis.
- 184.** Strengthen marriages, parents, carers and vulnerable families.
- 185.** Bring friendship to isolated and elderly people in our community.
- 186.** Give hope and safe support to young people under pressure.
- 187.** Guide local authorities, schools, charities and churches in wise partnership.
- 188.** Show each Life Group a practical place to serve.
- 189.** Provide a worship and community centre that becomes a house of blessing.
- 190.** Make us faithful repairers whose work points to Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *God of mercy and justice, do not let our worship end with words. Break our indifference and show us our part in the repair of this community. Give us perseverance, wisdom and open hands until ruined places begin to flourish. Amen.*

DECLARE *The Lord will guide and strengthen His people. We will rebuild, restore and seek the flourishing of the place where He has planted us.*

DAY 20 | SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Oil of Gladness

READ Isaiah 61:1-3 **GO DEEPER** Psalm 23; Psalm 45:6-7; John 12:1-8; Philippians 4:4-9

"The oil of joy instead of mourning." - Isaiah 61:3

MEDITATION

Christian joy is not denial. Isaiah names mourning, ashes and despair honestly. God does not demand a cheerful mask. He meets people in grief and gives a beauty, joy and praise that suffering could not manufacture.

Some seasons are not quickly resolved. The exchange Isaiah describes may unfold slowly as Christ holds us, the church carries us and hope returns in small measures. Joy is not always loud. Sometimes it is the quiet strength to worship again, receive a meal, answer a message or believe that sorrow will not have the final word.

Sabbath allows grief and gladness to sit before God together. We remember gifts, name losses and refuse to be defined by either. The fear of the Lord frees us from performing happiness before people. The gospel gives us something deeper: the risen Christ, whose joy is set before us and whose future is secure.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the Man of Sorrows anointed with the oil of gladness. He entered grief fully and defeated death decisively. In Him, mourning is real but temporary. Resurrection means that beauty, joy and praise will have the last word.

REFLECT What loss needs honest lament? What small sign of grace can you thank God for today?

PRACTISE Write two short lists: "What I grieve" and "What grace has given." Hold both before God without forcing a conclusion.

DAY 20 | PRAYER RESPONSE

The Oil of Gladness**PRAY**

- 191.** Comfort everyone carrying fresh or complicated grief.
- 192.** Give beauty for ashes without rushing the work of lament.
- 193.** Break the heaviness of despair and restore the desire to live.
- 194.** Surround bereaved and lonely people with patient friendship.
- 195.** Heal memories that repeatedly reopen pain.
- 196.** Give wise help to those facing depression or emotional exhaustion.
- 197.** Restore songs of worship to hearts that have fallen silent.
- 198.** Let our gatherings make room for tears, testimony and hope.
- 199.** Teach us to rejoice in the Lord without pretending circumstances are easy.
- 200.** Make us oaks of righteousness who shelter others in storms.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Jesus, Man of Sorrows and risen Lord, meet me where grief and hope mingle. I bring You what hurts without pretending. Pour in the oil of gladness, restore praise in its time and root me in resurrection hope. Amen.*

DECLARE *Sorrow will not have the final word. The risen Christ is with me, and He is making beauty from ashes.*

DAY 21 | MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

A City on a Hill

READ Matthew 5:13-16 **GO DEEPER** Isaiah 60:1-3; Philippians 2:12-16; 1 Peter 2:9-12; Titus 2:11-14

"Let your light shine before others." - Matthew 5:16

MEDITATION

Jesus does not say, "Try to become light." He says, "You are the light of the world." Identity comes before responsibility. Because we belong to Him, our shared life is meant to make the Father visible.

Light must be seen, but Christian visibility is not self-promotion. We do good so that people glorify our Father, not so that they admire our brand. Visibility without virtue is noise. A church shines when its message about Jesus is matched by humble service, reconciled relationships, sexual integrity, generosity, courage and care for the weak.

Jesus speaks of a city, not an isolated lamp. Our witness is corporate. The way we welcome newcomers, honour different generations and cultures, handle disagreement, use money and support people in pain says something about our God. We shine together or we dim one another. Let us become a community whose life makes the gospel believable.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the true Light who gives light to everyone. We shine only by reflection, like the moon receiving the sun. Our good works are not the gospel, but they adorn the gospel and direct attention to the Father revealed in the Son.

REFLECT If a neighbour observed our church life closely, what would help them see the Father? What might obscure Him?

PRACTISE Do one good work anonymously, and one visible act that creates an opportunity to name Jesus naturally.

DAY 21 | PRAYER RESPONSE

A City on a Hill**PRAY**

- 201.** Lord Jesus, let Your light reach every part of our life together.
- 202.** Make our good works sincere, hidden from pride and visible where they help others.
- 203.** Give us radical welcome across cultures, ages and social backgrounds.
- 204.** Heal divisions and make reconciliation a sign of the gospel.
- 205.** Let generosity overcome suspicion and scarcity among us.
- 206.** Guard our public witness through deep private integrity.
- 207.** Give favour with neighbours, schools, workplaces and civic leaders.
- 208.** Help every newcomer find genuine belonging, meaningful relationships and a clear pathway into church life.
- 209.** Make every congregation and future church plant a bright gospel presence.
- 210.** Cause many to glorify the Father because of what they see among us.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Father of lights, save us from hiding and from showing off. Make the character of Jesus visible in our shared life. Let truth, holiness, unity and generous love become a clear window through which others see You. Amen.*

DECLARE *We are called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. Together we will shine so that the Father is glorified.*

04

DAYS 22-30

GO WITH THE KING

Joining His mission, locally and globally

Isaiah 6:8

REJOICE & TREMBLE

DAY 22 | TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Sent from the Place of Encounter

READ Isaiah 6:8-13 **GO DEEPER** Matthew 28:16-20; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-11; Romans 10:11-15

"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" - Isaiah 6:8

MEDITATION

Isaiah's call begins in worship. The man who saw the King, confessed his sin and received cleansing became the man who could be sent. Mission is not a distraction from the presence of God. It is what happens when His heart takes hold of ours.

Isaiah's assignment was not easy or immediately successful. Faithfulness cannot be measured only by visible response. We are responsible for obedience; God is responsible for results. That guards us from both pride when people respond and despair when they do not.

Every Christian is sent. Some cross oceans; all cross rooms, roads and social boundaries. The question is not whether we have a mission field, but whether we recognise the people God has placed near us. Holy awe makes us available because the King's command outweighs our comfort. "Here am I" is not a heroic claim. It is a surrendered answer.

SEEING CHRIST

The Father sent the Son; the risen Son now sends His church. Jesus goes with us and possesses all authority. We are not carrying Him into places where He is absent. We follow the Lord of the harvest into the work He has already begun.

REFLECT Who is already within your reach but outside your normal attention?

PRACTISE Draw three circles labelled home, daily life and wider world. Write one name or place in each and begin praying for an open door.

DAY 22 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Sent from the Place of Encounter

PRAY

- 211. Lord of the harvest, give us ears to hear Your sending call.
- 212. Free us from comfort, passivity and the fear of awkwardness.
- 213. Show each of us the people and places You have entrusted to us.
- 214. Give perseverance when witness seems to produce little response.
- 215. Teach us to explain the hope we have with gentleness and clarity.
- 216. Open doors for gospel conversations in ordinary relationships.
- 217. Raise and send evangelists, disciple-makers, church planters and cross-cultural workers.
- 218. Strengthen those already serving in difficult mission fields.
- 219. Let prayer and mission remain inseparable in our church.
- 220. Make "Here am I, send me" the ready answer of our whole community.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Sending God, You are worthy of every life and every nation. I lay down my excuses and offer You my availability. Show me where You are at work, give me courage to join You and keep me faithful when results are slow. Amen.*

DECLARE *The risen King sends me and goes with me. I am available, and I will be faithful with the people He places before me.*

DAY 23 | WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Spirit Sends

READ Acts 13:1-4 **GO DEEPER** Acts 8:26-40; Acts 16:6-15; Romans 8:14; Revelation 2:7

"Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work." - Acts 13:2

MEDITATION

The church in Antioch was worshipping and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke. They were not running a recruitment campaign; they were attending to God. Mission was born in worship and discerned in community.

The Spirit's call was costly. Barnabas and Saul were among Antioch's strongest leaders. A sending church releases people it would naturally prefer to keep. It lays hands on them, carries them in prayer and accepts the gaps their obedience may create.

The Spirit also guides along the way. Philip was redirected to a desert road. Paul was prevented from entering some regions and led towards Macedonia. Guidance can include both open and closed doors. We need enough courage to move and enough humility to be redirected. Holy fear keeps mission from becoming our project; the work belongs to the Spirit.

SEEING CHRIST

The exalted Jesus directs His mission through the Holy Spirit. He knows where hearts are opening, where workers are needed and how each gift fits the work. The Spirit sends us to make Christ known, never to build our own importance.

REFLECT Would you be willing for God to send someone you value - or to send you - for the sake of the gospel?

PRACTISE Pray for one person exploring a call to mission or church planting. Send them a brief message of encouragement today.

DAY 23 | PRAYER RESPONSE

The Spirit Sends

PRAY

- 221.** Holy Spirit, speak clearly as we worship, fast and listen together.
- 222.** Give our leaders courage to release strong people into new work.
- 223.** Confirm callings through Scripture, character, gifting and community.
- 224.** Protect us from confusing ambition with the Spirit's leading.
- 225.** Make us responsive to unexpected people and unplanned opportunities.
- 226.** Give wisdom to recognise both open and closed doors.
- 227.** Provide prayer, finance and friendship for everyone we send.
- 228.** Raise diverse teams with humility and genuine love.
- 229.** Guide our first South West London church plant in its people, place, timing and partnerships.
- 230.** Let every sending multiply worshippers of Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Holy Spirit, the mission is Yours. Keep us attentive enough to hear, surrendered enough to release and courageous enough to go. Close doors that are not from You and open those no one can shut. Glorify Jesus through us. Amen.*

DECLARE *The Holy Spirit leads and sends the church. We will listen together, release generously and follow His direction.*

DAY 24 | THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

READ Romans 1:14-17 **GO DEEPER** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 2 Timothy 1:6-14; 1 Peter 3:13-16

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God." - Romans 1:16

MEDITATION

The gospel is not advice about how to become a better person. It is news about what God has done in Jesus: Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose again and now reigns. This news is God's power for salvation.

Shame makes us soften the message until it no longer says anything. Pride makes us speak as though winning an argument is the same as winning a person. Paul gives us another way: confidence in the gospel and obligation in love. We do not manipulate, apologise for Jesus or treat people as projects. We speak plainly, listen carefully and trust the Spirit.

Our culture may find the cross foolish or offensive. The temptation is to hide the offence of the gospel behind the offence of our manner. Let us remove every unnecessary stumbling block whilst refusing to remove Christ. Holy fear liberates us from embarrassment because the verdict of God matters more than the mood of the room.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the content and power of the gospel: crucified in weakness, raised in glory and offered to all who believe. Our confidence is not in polished delivery but in the living Lord who meets people through His Word.

REFLECT Which part of the gospel are you most tempted to soften or avoid? Why?

PRACTISE Write the gospel in four sentences: God, humanity, Jesus, response. Say it aloud in natural language, then pray for an opportunity to share it.

DAY 24 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

PRAY

- 231. Father, restore our confidence in the simple gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 232. Deliver us from shame, vagueness and fear of being misunderstood.
- 233. Keep us humble, gentle and genuinely interested in people.
- 234. Give us clear language for the cross, resurrection, repentance and faith.
- 235. Help us answer questions honestly without pretending to know everything.
- 236. Prepare hearts and circumstances for gospel conversations.
- 237. Give boldness to young people and students among their friends.
- 238. Anoint Alpha, regular evangelism, community engagement and intentional invitation with saving power.
- 239. Let signs of grace confirm the truth we proclaim.
- 240. Bring many people from every background to faith in Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *God of salvation, forgive my embarrassment about the best news in the world. Fill me with love for people and confidence in Jesus. Put clear, gracious words in my mouth and let Your power rest upon the message. Amen.*

DECLARE *The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God for salvation. I will speak it with clarity, humility and courage.*

DAY 25 | FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

One Person at a Time

READ John 4:4-30, 39-42 **GO DEEPER** Luke 19:1-10; Mark 10:46-52; Acts 8:26-40; Colossians 4:2-6

"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did." - John 4:29

MEDITATION

Jesus was on a world-saving mission, yet He had time for one overlooked woman at a well. He crossed ethnic, moral and religious boundaries, asked a question, listened, exposed truth and offered living water.

Personal mission begins by seeing people. Hurry turns neighbours into scenery. Assumptions turn them into categories. Jesus restores the person. He does not avoid the woman's story, but neither does He reduce her to it. Truth and dignity meet in Him.

Her witness was wonderfully unpolished: "Come, see a man..." She did not have every answer. She simply connected her community to Jesus. Many people first explore faith because someone they trust tells them what Christ has done. Holy awe makes us attentive to divine appointments hidden inside ordinary routines. A conversation at a well can open a town.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the Saviour who must pass through Samaria because the Father is seeking worshippers. He knows the whole truth about us and still offers Himself. Personal evangelism is introducing thirsty people to the One who already knows them.

REFLECT Who has become invisible to you because they are familiar, different or inconvenient?

PRACTISE Have one unhurried conversation today. Ask a sincere question, listen well and, if natural, share one sentence about what Jesus means to you.

DAY 25 | PRAYER RESPONSE

One Person at a Time

PRAY

- 241. Lord Jesus, give us eyes to notice the person in front of us.
- 242. Break prejudice, social distance and assumptions within us.
- 243. Teach us to ask good questions and listen without rushing.
- 244. Give courage to speak truth with dignity and compassion.
- 245. Bring divine appointments into commutes, shops, schools and workplaces.
- 246. Use simple testimonies to awaken spiritual curiosity.
- 247. Save whole households and friendship networks through one encounter.
- 248. Give wisdom when people disclose pain, risk or complex needs.
- 249. Make Alpha, our homes and our gatherings welcoming spaces for honest questions and genuine belonging.
- 250. Let many people come and see Jesus for themselves.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Jesus, You see people I overlook and know stories I cannot see. Slow me down. Remove prejudice and fear. Make me curious, truthful and kind, and use my ordinary conversations to lead someone towards living water. Amen.*

DECLARE *Jesus sees and seeks people one by one. I will notice, listen and invite others to come and see Him.*

DAY 26 | SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

Disciples Who Make Disciples

READ Matthew 28:16-20 **GO DEEPER** 2 Timothy 2:1-7; Colossians 1:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12; Titus 2:1-8

"Go and make disciples of all nations." - Matthew 28:19

MEDITATION

Jesus did not command us merely to gather attenders or secure decisions. He told us to make disciples: people who learn His ways, obey His commands and help others do the same.

Disciple-making is both public and personal. It needs faithful preaching and Spirit-filled gatherings, but also kitchens, coffee tables, honest questions, example, correction, encouragement and time. Paul describes truth passed from one trustworthy person to another across generations. Depth that never reproduces stops short of Jesus' intention.

We cannot give what we are not living. The call to disciple others sends us back to Christ's school ourselves. This is not perfection; it is faithful direction. A disciple-maker can say, "Follow me as I follow Christ," including the humility to repent when the example fails. Vision 2034 will be fulfilled not mainly by programmes, but by an army of ordinary believers who take loving responsibility for the growth of others.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the Master Disciple-Maker. He calls, teaches, corrects, models, sends and remains with His people. We labour with His energy and under His authority. He is present in every slow conversation and every costly investment.

REFLECT Who is helping you follow Jesus, and who are you intentionally helping?

PRACTISE Invite one person into a simple monthly rhythm of Scripture, honest conversation and prayer. Keep the invitation warm and unforced.

DAY 26 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Disciples Who Make Disciples**PRAY**

- 251.** Lord Jesus, make us devoted apprentices of Your way.
- 252.** Move us from attendance into obedience and spiritual maturity.
- 253.** Give every new believer a faithful person to walk with them.
- 254.** Raise mature men and women who can teach others wisely.
- 255.** Strengthen Life Groups as communities of formation and mission.
- 256.** Help parents disciple children with grace, truth and consistency.
- 257.** Build a thriving pathway for children, youth and young adults.
- 258.** Give us courage for loving correction and humility to receive it.
- 259.** Multiply leaders and disciple-makers for Epsom and our first South West London church plant.
- 260.** Let four generations of faithfulness grow among us, as in 2 Timothy 2:2.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Teacher and Lord, keep me learning Your ways. Give me someone to learn from and someone to invest in. Make me patient with slow growth, truthful in love and faithful in example, so that disciples become disciple-makers. Amen.*

DECLARE *Jesus has all authority and remains with us. I will learn His ways and help others follow Him faithfully.*

DAY 27 | SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Lift Up Your Eyes

READ John 4:31-38 **GO DEEPER** Matthew 9:35-38; Psalm 126; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9; Revelation 7:9-12

"Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." - John 4:35

MEDITATION

The disciples were occupied with lunch; Jesus was occupied with harvest. They saw an ordinary Samaritan town. He saw people ready to encounter God. We often ask God to bring opportunity whilst overlooking the field already in front of us.

Harvest language can tempt us into pressure and numbers. Jesus directs us first to prayer and then to participation. Some sow, others reap, and God gives the growth. No faithful conversation, invitation, act of service or hidden prayer is wasted. We enter labour begun by others and leave fruit for people we may never meet.

Sabbath keeps mission from becoming frantic. The field belongs to God. We can rejoice in fruit without claiming it and persevere in sowing without controlling it. Lift your eyes today. Where do you see spiritual hunger, pain, curiosity or new openness? Perhaps the harvest is nearer than you think.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is both Lord of the harvest and the grain of wheat who fell into the ground and died to produce many seeds. The gathered multitude of Revelation is the certain fruit of His sacrifice. Our labour rests on His finished work.

REFLECT Where can you see signs of spiritual hunger that you may previously have dismissed?

PRACTISE Look back over the names you have prayed for this month. Choose one person to invite for a meal, coffee, Alpha or a Sunday gathering.

DAY 27 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Lift Up Your Eyes**PRAY**

- 261.** Lord of the harvest, lift our eyes beyond routines and assumptions.
- 262.** Show us where You have prepared unusual openness.
- 263.** Send workers into schools, estates, workplaces and nations.
- 264.** Encourage those who have sown faithfully without visible fruit.
- 265.** Give us humility to reap where others have laboured.
- 266.** Protect evangelism from pressure, pride and manipulation.
- 267.** Let invitations to church, Alpha and Life Groups be warmly received.
- 268.** Draw families, students, professionals and overlooked people to Christ.
- 269.** Unite local churches in prayer for a regional harvest.
- 270.** Let our eyes see a glimpse of the multitude Jesus has purchased.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Lord of the harvest, forgive my small vision and distracted eyes. Show me the field You see. Give me patience to sow, humility to reap and peace to trust You with the growth. Send me as an answer to prayer. Amen.*

DECLARE *The fields belong to God and the harvest is His. I will pray, lift my eyes and take my place in His work.*

DAY 28 | MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2026

Planting for Future Generations

READ Acts 16:6-15, 40 **GO DEEPER** Acts 14:21-28; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Corinthians 3:5-11; Titus 1:5

"The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message." - Acts 16:14

MEDITATION

A church plant may begin quietly: a redirected team, a conversation by a river, one opened heart and a home made available. Philippi did not begin with a crowd or a building. It began with the Spirit's guidance and ordinary obedience.

Church planting is not brand extension. It is sending a family of believers to form a worshipping, witnessing, disciple-making community in a new place. It costs people, prayer, money and comfort. It also creates new doors for people who may never travel into our existing life.

We plant for people we have not yet met and generations we may not live to see. Some will go; everyone can pray, give, encourage and release. Success is not copying Epsom in another postcode. It is Christ taking shape in a local community through a church rooted in Scripture, alive in the Spirit and faithful in mission. One opened heart can become a household, and one household can become a church.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus builds His church. Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. This frees us from both anxiety and passivity. We work carefully on the one foundation, Jesus Christ, trusting Him to gather His people.

REFLECT What might joyful participation in church planting look like for you: going, praying, giving, encouraging or making room?

PRACTISE Pray by name for the church-plant leader and team. Set a recurring reminder to continue beyond this devotional.

DAY 28 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Planting for Future Generations

PRAY

- 271.** Lord Jesus, build Your church in South West London.
- 272.** Confirm the right location through prayer, need, relationships and open doors.
- 273.** Gather a diverse, united and spiritually healthy planting team.
- 274.** Give Chester and every leader humility, courage and clear discernment.
- 275.** Prepare people of peace whose hearts and homes You will open.
- 276.** Provide finance, venues, partnerships and practical capacity.
- 277.** Protect marriages, children and friendships through the demands of sending.
- 278.** Help The King's Church release people joyfully rather than possessively.
- 279.** Let the South West London plant be rooted in Scripture, filled with the Spirit and outward-looking.
- 280.** Use this first plant to strengthen faith for the second and bless generations.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Lord Jesus, the church is Yours. Give us the privilege of planting where You are already at work. Prepare the team, open hearts, supply every need and keep Christ as the only foundation. Make us generous senders and faithful goers. Amen.*

DECLARE *Jesus will build His church. We will plant and water faithfully, release generously and trust God for the growth.*

DAY 29 | TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Nations Will Come to His Light

READ Isaiah 60:1-5, 11, 18-22 **GO DEEPER** Genesis 12:1-3; Psalm 67; Matthew 24:14; Revelation 7:9-12

"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." - Isaiah 60:3

MEDITATION

Isaiah's vision is gloriously international. Nations stream towards God's light, resources are brought for His glory and scattered sons and daughters come home. The city becomes a place of peace, praise and righteous flourishing.

God's heart for the nations did not begin in the Great Commission. He promised Abraham that all peoples would be blessed through him. Jesus sends us to all nations, and Revelation shows the result: a multitude from every tribe, people, language and nation worshipping the Lamb.

We taste that future already in a church made up of many nationalities. Diversity is not a photograph to celebrate and then ignore. It is a gift to steward through shared leadership, patient listening, hospitality and mutual honour. We also look beyond ourselves to unreached peoples and churches under pressure. Holy awe refuses a small, local-only vision because the King deserves global worship.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the Light to the nations and the Lamb who purchased people from every people group. Mission does not end with activity or statistics. It ends with Christ receiving the worship He deserves from a redeemed, reconciled multitude.

REFLECT Does your prayer life reflect the global scope of God's purpose? Which nation or unreached people will you carry in prayer?

PRACTISE Learn about one mission partner or unreached people group. Pray Psalm 67 over them and share what you learn with someone else.

DAY 29 | PRAYER RESPONSE

The Nations Will Come to His Light

PRAY

- 281. Father, enlarge our hearts to match Your purpose for all nations.
- 282. Let every culture among us bring its God-given gift to the church.
- 283. Make leadership increasingly reflective of the people You are gathering.
- 284. Heal prejudice, superiority, suspicion and cultural isolation.
- 285. Strengthen Commission churches and partners across the nations.
- 286. Protect and sustain persecuted believers with courage and hope.
- 287. Send workers and resources to peoples with little access to the gospel.
- 288. Bless our local neighbours from every faith and cultural background.
- 289. Use our South West London plant and every future plant as communities of reconciliation and mission.
- 290. Hasten the day when a great multitude worships the Lamb.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *King of the nations, forgive the smallness of our vision. Give us the wide heart of Jesus. Make our diversity a foretaste of Your kingdom, our partnerships fruitful and our prayers large enough for peoples still waiting to hear. Amen.*

DECLARE *The nations belong to God. Jesus will receive worship from every people, and we will pray, give and go until He does.*

DAY 30 | WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Formed for Faithfulness

READ Hebrews 12:18-29 **GO DEEPER** Isaiah 61:4-9; Philippians 1:3-6; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Revelation 22:1-5

"Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe." - Hebrews 12:28

MEDITATION

Thirty days cannot manufacture maturity, but they can establish a direction. We have beheld the King, learned to walk with Him, asked to reflect His light and offered ourselves for His mission. Now the invitation is to remain faithful.

Faithfulness is rarely dramatic. It is the accumulated weight of ordinary yeses: Scripture opened again, prayer offered again, sin confessed again, a person served again, a promise kept again and the gospel spoken again. The fear of the Lord gives those small choices eternal significance because they are made before His face.

We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Therefore, we need not build hurriedly, compete anxiously or lose heart easily. Christ will complete what He has begun. Our task is to stay near Him, depend on His Spirit and keep our hands on the plough. Vision 2034 is not simply a list of organisational goals. It is a call to become the kind of people through whom Jesus can make Himself known.

SEEING CHRIST

Jesus is the faithful Witness, the foundation of the church and the One who will finish His work in us. He is both the goal of our devotion and the strength for our obedience. We begin, continue and end with Him.

REFLECT What is the one practice, one relationship and one act of mission you believe God is asking you to carry into the term?

PRACTISE Write a simple 90-day rule of life: when you will pray, where you will serve, who will walk with you and whom you will help towards Jesus.

DAY 30 | PRAYER RESPONSE

Formed for Faithfulness**PRAY**

- 291.** Faithful God, seal what You have begun in us this month.
- 292.** Keep holy awe alive when routines return and emotion fades.
- 293.** Establish lasting habits of Scripture, prayer, worship and rest.
- 294.** Make quick repentance and joyful obedience normal among us.
- 295.** Deepen love, unity and mutual responsibility across the church.
- 296.** Raise an army of disciples and leaders who form others faithfully.
- 297.** Advance both church plants in Your time and by Your power.
- 298.** Grow us as a prayerful, Spirit-filled and courageous witnessing church.
- 299.** Provide a new worship and community centre for service and mission.
- 300.** Let every part of Vision 2034 glorify Jesus and bless generations.
- 301.** Keep us faithful through suffering, delay, success and change.
- 302.** Bring us at last into the unshakable kingdom and the unveiled presence of God.

CLOSING PRAYER OF HOLY AWE *Faithful Father, receive this month and receive my life. Keep me near the face of Jesus. By Your Spirit, make me steady in hidden obedience, courageous in mission and joyful in hope. Finish what You have begun, for Your glory. Amen.*

DECLARE *We are receiving an unshakable kingdom. By grace we will rejoice and tremble, remain faithful and make Jesus known.*

CARRY IT INTO THE TERM

A Simple 90-Day Rule of Life

Not a burden to prove yourself, but a trellis to help love grow.

The end of September is not the end of the encounter. Prayerfully write a small, realistic rhythm for the next ninety days. Choose practices that keep you near Jesus, rooted in His people and available for His mission.

BEHOLD I will meet with God...

When and where will you pray and open Scripture?

WALK I will walk with others...

Who will know you honestly, encourage you and ask good questions?

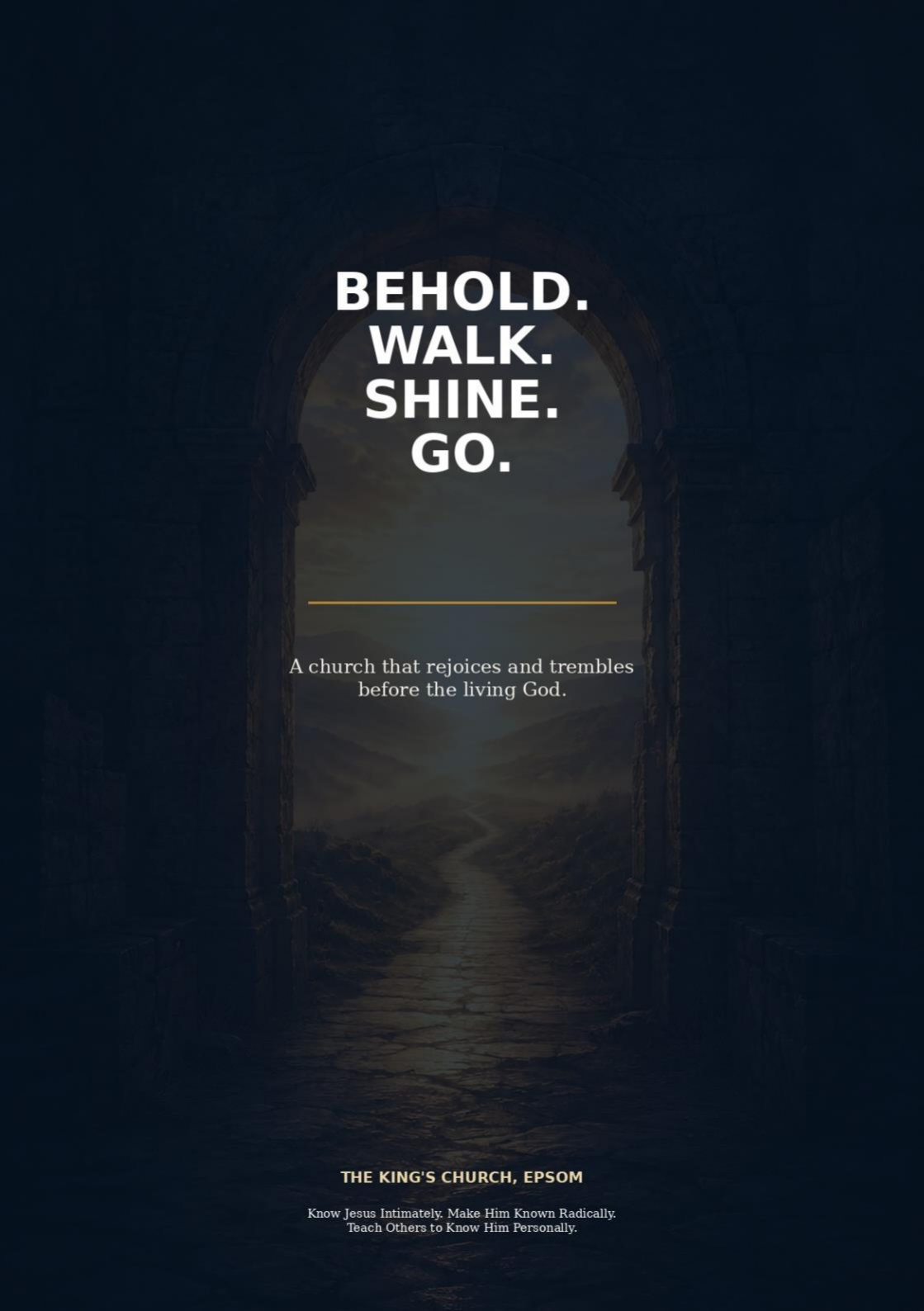
SHINE I will serve faithfully...

Where will the character and compassion of Jesus take practical shape?

GO I will join God's mission...

Whom will you pray for, invite, disciple or support?

COVENANT PRAYER *Faithful Father, keep me near Jesus, responsive to Your Word and full of the Holy Spirit. Give me grace for these small, steady yeses. When I fail, lead me quickly back to mercy. Form me for faithfulness and use my life for Your glory. Amen.*

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**BEHOLD.
WALK.
SHINE.
GO.**

A church that rejoices and trembles
before the living God.

THE KING'S CHURCH, EPSOM

Know Jesus Intimately. Make Him Known Radically.
Teach Others to Know Him Personally.