

Easter: April 17, 2024 Worship Summary | Prayer Guide and Prompts:

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Prayer for Authentic Discipleship

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your life where your actions may not align with your identity as a follower of Christ. Ask for courage and humility to acknowledge these discrepancies.
- Request God's guidance to help you produce the "fruits" of your faith in every aspect of your life, reflecting the love and teachings of Jesus authentically.

Prayer for Living the Commandments of Love

- Ask God to deepen your understanding and application of 1 John 3:16-24, focusing on loving not just in words but through actions and truth.
- Pray for opportunities to actively help those in need and to lay down your life for others, mirroring the sacrificial love of Christ.
- Seek strength and wisdom to love those who are difficult to love, asking for the same patience and care exemplified in the metaphor of the dog and its handler.

Prayer for Daily Choices in Discipleship

- Each morning, commit your day to God, asking Him to help you choose actions that align with the gospel. Pray for discernment in making decisions that reflect your Christian identity.
- Pray for resilience against temptations that lead away from living out the gospel, and for fortitude to witness to others through your life.

Prayer for Transformation Through Persistent Love

- Reflect on relationships or situations where your love and patience are continually tested. Ask God for a heart that loves persistently, seeking transformation not only in others but also in yourself.
- Pray for the fruits of the Spirit, such as patience, kindness, and self-control, to permeate your actions and reactions, especially in challenging circumstances.

Prayer for Advocacy Through Action

- Pray for the courage to be an advocate for Christ's love and grace through your actions. Ask for guidance on how to provide a living testimony to the truth of God's love.
- Request wisdom in using your resources, time, and talents to actively promote the values of the kingdom of God, drawing others closer to Him through your example.

Closing Reflection

- Spend a few moments in silence, reflecting on the sermon and what God is speaking to your heart. Ask for the peace and assurance to carry these prayers throughout the week, trusting in God's power to work through your life as a disciple of Christ.