

Prayer Guide ... Moving With Jesus

If you want to be like Jesus someday
BE WITH JESUS TODAY!

Worship and reflect to the song, "Give Me Jesus" by Fernando Ortega
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rZ8k9m2hwo>

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, teach me what it means to move with You—not running ahead with my own agenda, not lagging behind in disobedience, but walking in perfect rhythm with Your Spirit. From the moment I wake until the moment I sleep, from this day until the day I die, let my one constant cry be: Give me Jesus.

1. In the Morning When I Rise: Starting Each Day With Jesus

Scripture: *"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed." (Mark 1:35)*

From "Give Me Jesus": *In the morning, when I rise Give me Jesus*

Prayer: Jesus, You rose early to meet with the Father before the demands of the day flooded in. You show me that the morning is sacred—the time to set my heart's compass, to align my will with Yours, to receive fresh bread for the journey ahead. Forgive me for the mornings I've rushed past You to check my phone, to dive into work, to worry about my schedule. Teach me to make You my first thought, my first conversation, my first priority. Before I give my attention to anyone or anything else, let me give it to You. In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus—not just information about You, but intimate encounter with You.

2. Following Jesus Means Actually Following

Missional Quote - Scot McKnight: *"Those who aren't following Jesus aren't his followers. It's that simple. Followers follow, and those who don't follow aren't followers. To follow Jesus means to*

take up his Kingdom dream and partner in working towards it."

Scripture: *"And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him." (Matthew 4:19-20)*

Prayer: Lord, I've called myself a Christian while living by my own rules. I've claimed to follow You while charting my own course. Forgive this contradiction. Following means going where You go, stopping where You stop, pivoting when You redirect. It means surrendering my agenda to Yours, my comfort to Your calling, my preferences to Your purposes. Give me the courage to leave my nets, to walk away from what's familiar, to step into the unknown simply because You're leading me there. Don't let me be content with admiring You from a distance—I want to walk so close that I can hear Your heartbeat.

3. God Is Always On the Move

Missional Quote - Scot McKnight: *"God was on the move; God is on the move; and God will always be on the move. Those who walk with God and listen to God are also on the move. Reading the Bible so we can live it out today means being on the move—always. Anyone who stops and wants to turn a particular moment into a monument, as the disciples did when Jesus was transfigured before them, will soon be wondering where God has gone."*

Scripture: *"If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)*

Prayer: Father, You are not static—You are always moving, always working, always advancing Your kingdom. The problem is that I keep trying to build monuments to past experiences instead of moving forward into present encounters. I want to take a selfie with yesterday's blessing instead of following You into today's assignment. Forgive my desire to camp where You've only called me to rest briefly. Make me a pilgrim, not a settler. Teach me to "keep in step" with Your Spirit—not running ahead with presumption, not dragging behind in disobedience, but moving in perfect rhythm with

You. When You move, help me move. When You stop, help me stop. When You redirect, help me pivot without resistance.

4. When I Am Alone: Jesus in the Solitary Places

From "Give Me Jesus": *When I am alone
Oh when I am alone...And when I am alone...
Give me Jesus*

Scripture: *"But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray."* (Luke 5:16)

Prayer: Jesus, You regularly withdrew to solitary places—not because You were running from people, but because You needed the Father. In my loneliest moments, when everyone else has gone, when the noise has quieted, when I'm left with just my thoughts and fears—give me Jesus. Don't let me fill the silence with distractions. Don't let me numb the loneliness with substitutes. Let me discover that aloneness with You is better than crowdedness without You. Teach me that solitude isn't emptiness to be feared but sacred space to be filled with Your presence. In my alone times, give me Jesus.

5. Practicing His Presence Throughout the Day

Missional Quote - Scot McKnight: *"What we are looking for in reading the Bible is the ability to turn the two-dimensional words on paper into a three-dimensional encounter with God, so that the text takes on life and meaning and depth and perspective and gives us direction for what to do today."*

Scripture: *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, I want to move beyond studying about God to actually encountering God. Don't let my Bible reading be mere information transfer—make it transformation. Teach me to "pray without ceasing"—not just in formal prayer times but in continuous conversation throughout my day. When I'm at work, remind me You're there. When I'm driving, help me talk with You. When I'm with people, let

me sense Your presence. Turn every moment into a chance to practice Your presence, every conversation into an opportunity for communion, every decision into a point of dependence.

6. When I Come to Die: Jesus at the End From "Give Me Jesus": *When I come to die
Oh when I come to die...And when I come to die,
Give me Jesus*

Scripture: *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."* (Psalm 23:4)

Scripture: *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* (Philippians 1:21)

Prayer: Jesus, one day I will take my last breath. In that final moment, when everything earthly falls away, when all my accomplishments mean nothing, when wealth and status and reputation vanish—give me Jesus. Not religion. Not rituals. Not even my good works. Just Jesus. Let me live in such a way that death becomes not a terror but a transition, not an ending but a beginning, not a loss but the ultimate gain—because I'm going to see You face to face. Help me live today with death in view, investing in what lasts eternally rather than what perishes temporally.

The One Thing I Can't Live Without

Scripture: *"Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."* (Psalm 73:25-26)

Personal Reflection Questions

Morning: What would change if Jesus was truly the first thing I reached for each morning?

Throughout the Day: Where am I trying to run ahead of Jesus or lag behind Him instead of moving in step with Him?

In Solitude: Do I run from aloneness or run to Jesus in it?

At Life's End: Am I living today in a way that will matter when I'm dying?

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6)