

Prayer Guide: Becoming Like Jesus

Opening Prayer

Jesus, I don't just want to know about You—I want to become like You. Transform me from the inside out. Change how I think, how I act, how I love. Make me a person who naturally responds like You would respond, who instinctively chooses what You would choose, who loves like You love. I want to become like you Jesus!

1. TRANSFORMED BY BEHOLDING HIM

Scripture: *"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."* (2 Corinthians 3:18)

The Principle: You become like what you behold, what you gaze on with delight and joy. Transformation doesn't happen through trying harder—it happens through gazing more deeply at Jesus.

Reflection:

- ⇒ When you think of Jesus what comes to mind?
- ⇒ Make a short list of qualities that you most admire.
- ⇒ Invite Holy Spirit to remind or lead you to one specific passage that showcases how you desire to experience Jesus. Maybe it's healing or sitting at his feet or the way he ministers to someone or reveals his joy or delight in the Father. Read the passage each day this week and behold (look with the eyes of your heart on what Jesus said, how he loved, and how he ministered. Invite Jesus to allow you to experience his ministry like in the passage.
- ⇒ **Prayer:** Holy Spirit lead me to behold Jesus in this passage. Transform me to be like him.

2. RENEWED IN THE MIND

Scripture: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Romans 12:2)

The Principle: How you think determines who you become. Transformation requires changing your thought patterns from worldly to Christ-like.

Prayer: Father, I confess that my mind has been shaped by the world—by consumerism, hurry, individualism, anxiety, and self-centeredness. Renew my mind. Transform my thought patterns. Teach me to think like Jesus thinks:

- To see people as image-bearers, not obstacles
- To view interruptions as divine appointments, not inconveniences
- To consider suffering as formation, not just frustration
- To interpret circumstances through trust, not fear
- To approach decisions with kingdom priorities, not worldly values

Holy Spirit, rewire my brain. Replace automatic negative thoughts with truth. Expose lies I've believed. (Linger and ask Holy Spirit what is 1 lie that is holding you back...

When God brings a lie to mind, reflect on what believing and agreeing with that lie has cost you.

Then confess it, cancel any agreements with it and invite Jesus to tell you what is true in this area.

Jesus make new neural pathways where this truth becomes my increasing reflex. I want to come into alignment with what you say. You are the Way and the Truth and the Life.

3. IMITATORS OF CHRIST

Scripture: *"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."* (1 Corinthians 11:1)

The Principle: Following Jesus means actively imitating His way of life, not just agreeing with His teachings.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I choose to become Your imitator. Show me what that means practically:

- **How You loved:** Give me eyes to see the overlooked and outcast like You did
- **How You served:** Help me take the lowest place and wash others' feet

- **How You prayed:** Teach me to withdraw regularly to commune with the Father
- **How You spoke:** Let my words bring life, truth, grace, and healing
- **How You faced opposition:** Give me courage to stand for truth with grace & humility
- **How You forgave:** Empower me to release those who've wronged me
- **How You sacrificed:** Show me where I need to die to self so others can live

4. WALKING AS JESUS WALKED

Scripture: "Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked." (1 John 2:6)

The Principle: If you claim to be in Christ, your lifestyle should mirror His lifestyle. Faith without imitation is incomplete.

Prayer: Lord, I claim to abide in You—to remain in You, to stay connected to You. But am I walking the same way You walked? Examine my life:

- **Your pace:** You weren't hurried. Am I eliminating hurry from my life?
- **Your priorities:** You valued people and fruitfulness. Do I?
- **Your practices:** You fasted, prayed, observed Sabbath, studied Scripture. Do I?
- **Your presence:** You were fully present with whoever was in front of You. Am I?
- **Your posture:** You welcomed children, ate with sinners, touched lepers. Do I cross social boundaries to love the marginalized?

Convict me where my walk doesn't match Yours. Give me grace to align my life rhythms with Your way of living.

5. TRANSFORMED INTO HIS IMAGE

Scripture: "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." (Romans 8:29)

The Principle: God's ultimate plan for you is conformity to Jesus's image. This is your destiny and your transformation's endpoint.

Prayer: Father, You predestined me to be conformed to the image of Your Son. This is Your plan, Your purpose, Your promise. You're not leaving this to chance—You're actively working to make me like Jesus. I submit to this divine process:

- Conform my desires to His desires
- Conform my emotions to His emotional health
- Conform my will to His obedience
- Conform my relationships to His love
- Conform my reactions to His patience
- Conform my ambitions to His kingdom mission
- Conform my entire being to His glorious image

Complete what You've started. Don't let me settle for partial transformation. Make me fully like Jesus—not in my own strength, but through Your supernatural work in me.

HOLY SPIRIT: to fuel my hope for what you will do.... **Bring to mind:** the ways you have already TRANSFORMED ME... remind me what I used to be like and how far I have come because of your work in me.

Jot down what comes to mind regarding your progress...

Bless the progress and ask for **more**. Invite Holy Spirit to make you become a little Christ (C.S. Lewis).

Holy Trinity, what is the most important thing I can do to partner with you in becoming like Jesus?

Holy Spirit, I cannot transform myself. I've tried and failed too many times. But You specialize in transformation. You took fishermen and made them apostles. You took persecutors and made them preachers. You took cowards and made them martyrs. You can take me—with all my brokenness, habits, wounds, and weaknesses—and make me like Jesus.

I surrender to Your transforming work. I embrace the practices that position me for change. I commit to the slow, patient process of BECOMING. I trust that what You've started in me, You will complete. Don't let me stay as I am. Transform me from the inside out. I'm Yours—do Your work in me. In Jesus name, Amen