

*“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:14-15).*

# WEEK FOUR

Pray

## KEY SCRIPTURE:

A verse to memorize and meditate on this week

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (MATT. 7:7).

## TAKING IT FURTHER:

A section of Scripture to ponder in depth

“And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, ‘O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.’ Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, ‘The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God’” (1 KINGS 18:36-39).

## QUESTIONS:

Considerations to renew your mind and move you to action

1. What stands out in this Scripture when you first read it?
2. Are there things in this Scripture that remind you of what God in Christ Jesus has done for you or who He has made you to be?
3. What does this Scripture teach us about God’s will in regard to the habit we are focusing on this month?

4. What is God calling you to repent of and change in your life?

5. How can you put into action what God has taught you?

## HOW I WILL:

Ways to practice this discipline

- Set calendar alerts to remind you to go to the Lord in prayer throughout your day.
- Create a prayer list with categories to help you remember what to pray about.

This week do one of the above or a similar action that fits your context.

## PRAYER:

Words to turn your heart to God and ask for His blessing

O holy and most merciful God, all Your ways are perfect and good. We ask You to make us, Your people, know and believe this always. According to Your promises, give us every blessing of body and soul as we seek first Your kingdom. Help us daily to live in the newness of life we have received through Your Holy Spirit in our Baptism. Since we have been connected to Jesus’ lifegiving death and resurrection in those waters, grant us each day to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (PHIL. 4:9).