

# Friday

“And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.”  
– Hebrews 13:16

## Reflection

1. What might we have to sacrifice in order to help others? Are you willing to do this?
2. Ask God to give us hearts that are willing to sacrifice. May we learn to see it as a way to worship God.

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# Saturday

“Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume.”  
– 2 Corinthians 2:14b

## Reflection

1. How have you seen God work through other people in your life?
2. Pray that as we reach out to others, they would be able to see God more clearly and know His love.

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## Prayer Points

First John 4:12 says, “No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.” By serving and coming alongside others, we are able to show them God’s love in a tangible, practical way. Each one of our ministries has the opportunity to help our community. This week, pray for each of them, that we would reach out to those who are struggling financially, physically, emotionally, or relationally. May they be able to see God through us.

- Leadership
- Children’s Ministries
- Student Ministries
- Adult Ministries
- Mission & Outreach
- Community Care & Counseling
- Worship & Creative Arts
- Support Ministries

## Personal Prayer Notes

Do you have any personal prayer requests? Do you want to thank God for something specific He is doing in your life? Use the space below to record these things. Be sure to review them later to see how God responds.

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# Whole Hearted

Jeremiah 29:13



*Seeking the will of God for  
our church and community*

## Week Four: Outreach

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## Outreach:

### Helping Our Community

Nehemiah 5

Our prayer is for God to reveal His desires about how we can grow together with our community. If you would like to share what God has been revealing to you, follow these simple steps:

1. Record your thoughts in our online prayer journal at [wccconnect.com](http://wccconnect.com)
2. Record your thoughts in the printed prayer journal and drop it in the offering basket or at the info center.

You may download a pdf from [wccconnect.com](http://wccconnect.com) to print a second copy to record your thoughts on and turn back in.

We will select some thoughts to share for reflection online, however these will be displayed anonymously.

*“They were saying, ‘We have such large families. We need more food to survive.’ Others said, ‘We have mortgaged our fields, vineyards, and homes to get food during the famine.’”*  
– Nehemiah 5:2-3

It was an exciting time to be in Jerusalem! The city was coming alive again as families work together to rebuild the wall and community. People donated their time, energy, and material possessions to this effort. Yet, there were some people in Jerusalem who were hungry and struggling to survive.

Nehemiah called a public meeting and said to the Israelites, “What you are doing is not right!” (Nehemiah 5:9). To help their neighbors, the Israelites had to change their behavior: stop charging interest on loans and restore fields, vineyards, and homes to the people who needed them more.

Nehemiah sacrificed even more than that. He chose to work alongside the people and refused to accept his salary as governor, even though he fed more than 150 people every night for supper.

There are many individuals in our community who are hurting. Some people are without jobs; others are living in poverty. Parents have lost their children, children are being abused, and others live in such a deep state of depression that they feel hopeless. What can we do to reach out to them? What sacrifice can we make to serve our community, to show them God’s love?

## Monday

*“Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.”*  
– Isaiah 58:7

### Reflection

1. Who can you reach out to this week? How?
2. The prophet Isaiah proclaims that *this* is what true worship looks like. Pray that we would grasp this truth.

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## Tuesday

*“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for the orphans and widows in their distress...”* – James 1:27

### Reflection

1. Why does God want us to care for orphans and widows? What does this look like?
2. Ask God how He wants to use us to help our community. Pray specifically for our Community Care team, that God would guide them in using our resources to help others.

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## Wednesday

*“And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”* – Acts 20:35

### Reflection

1. Helping others is more than an act; it’s a lifestyle. Do you need to make any changes to better help others?
2. Ask God where we (WCC) should focus our giving.

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## Thursday

*“Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it.”* – 2 Corinthians 8:14

### Reflection

1. Think about a time someone has reached out to you. What was that like?
2. Prayerfully consider who you can help. Who has God placed in your life? Who is struggling? How can you come alongside them?

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