

Discipleship Prayer from Kevin Slous, MTS
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"Father,

You have called us to be and to make disciples of all nations. We pray that we would follow you more closely, being fashioned in the likeness of you Son. May He radiate our lives, so that it might be evident that He indeed is central in every effort of ministry, service, growth, worship, and love displayed in us, as individuals and as a people.

May we, as we keep our eyes fixed on you, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, see you in others. May our lives be a living testimony of the grace you give, and may we be disciples who follow you into our own world, motivated by sacrificial, compassionate mission.

May our faith remain firm. We seek to be a people who are known by our love for you and for each other. May we have the discipline to continually draw close to your presence in the busyness of life.

May we be a holy people, set apart - from sin, and for your purposes in our lives and the world.

May we continually recognize that our faith is demonstrated through loving action. May we, and the disciples you have commissioned us to make in your name, be ready in season and out, to be actively engaged in ministry to the last, the least and the lost, by your Spirit's leading and power.

May we be and make disciples whose faith is marked by a sense of responsibility before you. Show us who you have created us to be, and may we faithfully live out our calling to be people who bear your name, who are sensitive to your leading, and answer your call on our lives.

And may we, as a Salvation Army, be a people who proclaim and live the reality of full salvation, saved by the blood of your Son Jesus, and sanctified and empowered by the fire of your Holy Spirit. May we always be a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led army. Forgive us when we have looked to ourselves. May we look to you alone, and see you in others, and be your hands and feet in a hurting world. May our lives, and the efforts we give to discipling others, continue to grow in grace, centered on your Son and focused on others, as we seek to keep in step with you in all things.

We pray these things, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of your Holy Spirit, for your glory now and through all generations,

Amen."