



## A Grace Prayer Walk

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**Preparation:** Throughout the Gospels we read of many people who had an experience with the 'Unfolding Grace' of Christ. As we journey through this prayer walk, may we be reassured of God's 'Unfolding Grace' in our lives, and in every circumstance.

### **Grace Brings Forgiveness**

Luke 7:36-50

Ignoring the stares, she made her way towards Him, Jesus. She hardly knew what she was doing as she covered His feet with her kisses then anointed them with the precious perfume, wiping His feet with her hair. Did Jesus scold as Simon had done? No! Did Jesus grumble as the disciples did (John 12)? Not at all! Instead Jesus forgave! Jesus' words to her were, "Your sins are forgiven." Though this woman was a "notorious" sinner, she recognized her great need for grace. She owed a debt that she could not pay, but Christ unfolded His grace to her.

Think for a moment, what is the greatest gift you have received? Have you received Christ's forgiveness? Offer a prayer unto Christ, thanking Him for His forgiveness! Give time for personal and private prayer.

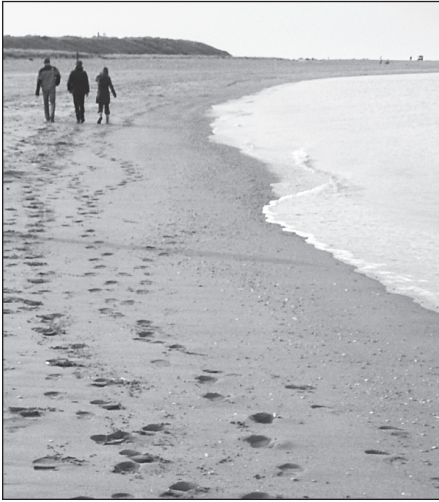
What is the greatest gift you have been given? Was it forgiveness? Has someone wronged you? Have you hurt or wronged somebody? Ask the Lord to forgive you! Ask the one you have wronged to forgive you! Write them a note — they might not forgive you, but at least you asked.

Ephesians 4:32 tells us, "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you."

### **Grace Brings Fellowship**

Luke 10: 38-42

How thrilled she was to have the Master in her home again. How wonderful it was to hear Him teach. Mary was overjoyed to be able to sit at the feet of Jesus. And it was only through Christ's



'Unfolding Grace' that she was able to do so. Christ's 'Unfolding Grace' in her life was what allowed such a precious moment to occur. Wanting nothing more than to cultivate her deep, spiritual inner thoughts, Mary chose to sit at Christ's feet and to enjoy sweet communion and fellowship with Him.

**Read:** 1 John 2:9-11 & 1 John 4:20-21.

### **Chorus**

*At thy feet I bow adoring, bending lower, lower still.*

*Giving up my all to follow, just to do my Master's will.*

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*Our fellowship must not only be with Christ, but it must also be with one another.*

*As sisters in Christ, we must fellowship with one another.*

**Read:** 1 John 1:9 & Hebrews 10:24-25

**Prayer:** Pray for your Corps, your Corps Officers, the families represented, the community in which your Corps is situated, its programs and activities.

Pray that Christ's 'Unfolding Grace' would be manifested in the lives of His people. (Request sentence prayers).

### **Grace Brings Hope**

Matthew 9:18-25

These two women were in hopeless situations. Jairus' daughter had no hope — she had died. The nameless woman with the issue of blood in a sense was also dead. She was relationally and socially dead, and some could say she was financially dead, having spent all she had on medical help. She had also been declared "unclean" because of her condition; so it was just as well if she had been declared dead - she had no hope. But the moment these two women encountered the 'Unfolding Grace' of Christ their lives changed completely. Life and hope was restored as they turned their eyes towards Jesus.

### **Chorus**

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus.*

*Look full in His wonderful face*

*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim.*

*In the light of His glory and grace.*

**Read:** Isaiah 40:28-31 & Psalm 121

We know many who are feeling as if they are in hopeless situations. Let us pray for those who are sick, sad, and sorrowful. Let us pray that the Lord would remind them of the hope that He gives, even through the most difficult situations. He is the bridge over every troubled water. Please pray for those who need to know the Hope of Christ.

### **Grace Brings Peace of Mind**

Matthew 15:21-28

She was at her wits end. Her precious daughter suffered from demon-possession. This Mother heard a rumor that the Jewish Healer had come to Tyre, and she decided she was going to go to Him for help; she would even throw a fit herself, if need be. She found Jesus, and Jesus tested her faith; she passed with flying colours. Jesus spoke

these words to her, "Woman, you have great faith! your request is granted."

Scripture does not describe this little girl, but judging from other accounts of demon-possession (Luke 8:26-39 and Matthew 17:14-18), one can only believe that she was made whole. Christ's 'Unfolding Grace' was manifested in her life and she was healed. This woman must have rejoiced that day to see the daughter she loved safe and sane, experiencing peace of mind, all because of Christ's 'Unfolding Grace'.

### Chorus

*Peace, peace, sweet peace  
Wonderful gift from above  
O wonderful, wonderful peace  
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love*

**Prayer:** Let us pray for our Province, our Country our World. Pray that Christ's 'Unfolding Grace' would penetrate the hearts and lives of those who govern. Our world seems to be a rather 'peaceless' place. Pray that the Prince of Peace would 'Unfold' His grace and His peace in these turbulent times.

### Grace Brings Eternal Life

John 3:15-21

Display tea-light candles in the shape of a Cross. We have looked at different women from various Scriptural accounts that experienced Christ's 'Unfolding Grace' in their lives. But did you know that you and I are in the Bible? We are! No, our names may not be in print, but we are there.

John 3:16 tells us, "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*"

Now read it this way, but put your name in the blank provided:

*"For God so loved \_\_\_\_\_ that he gave his one and only Son, that if \_\_\_\_\_ would believe in him, then \_\_\_\_\_ would not perish but have eternal life."*

### This is the Grace of God in our lives.

Jesus said, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*" (John 8:12) Before us we see, candles arranged in the form of a cross. It's because of a Cross, Calvary's Cross, that we can know the 'Unfolding Grace' of Christ. It's because of the Light of the World, Christ, going to the Cross, that we can have eternal life.



Have you accepted this gift of eternal life? Offer a prayer unto Christ, thanking Him for it! Thank Him for the fact that you have experienced His 'Unfolding' grace in your life.

Perhaps you haven't accepted the gift of eternal life that Christ offers to you. By faith, you can accept Christ's gift of salvation and claim the gift of eternal life.

### Personal and private prayer

**Song:** SASB 308/TB 70 *Amazing Grace*

### Closing prayer