



## PRAYER

# Weekly Prayer Guide

This prayer guide focuses on John 15:9-17 throughout the week leading up to Candidates Sunday. Note: these prayers are included in the *Prayer Matters* booklet produced by the Prayer Network.

### MONDAY

***"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love" (v.9).*** As you pause to pray, rest in the knowledge of God's all-embracing love for you. God's love frees us from discerning his voice and our direction out of a place of fear and instead allows us to trust him fully to direct our lives. Allow God's love to be the starting place as you continue to discern His direction for you.

### TUESDAY

***"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love" (v.10).*** Jesus encourages us, his disciples, to have an obedient spirit. What is stopping you from being obedient to God today? Pray for the boldness and strength that will help you faithfully keep God's commands.

### WEDNESDAY

***"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (v.11).*** Following God's call can sometimes be costly and circumstances can easily rob us of God's joy in our lives. Pray for those that are discouraged and struggling in living out their God-given calling. Pray that in their faithful obedience that the Lord's joy would encourage them and flow through their life this day.

### THURSDAY

***"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you" (v.12).*** God's call to love each other is universal - it is for all his disciples. We can all respond to this universal call whether our individual calling is to be a banker, a teacher, a student, a parent, a volunteer, an encourager, a friend to a neighbour, an Officer or whatever it is for you. Pray that God would show you how to best fulfil this calling today.

### FRIDAY

***"You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends..." (vv.14-15).*** When we follow God's calling we do not do it alone. Jesus declares that his disciples, that we, are his friends. This can be difficult to comprehend, but as you continue to obediently follow God's calling, trust in this friendship that is offered to you.

### SATURDAY

***"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit" (v.16).*** God has chosen you! 'Following Christ is not our initiative, merely our response, in obedience' (Os Guinness). Thank God for his calling in your life. Pray also for someone else in your corps, and encourage them in living out their God-given calling today.

### CANDIDATES SUNDAY

Be obedient! This is often easier said than done. But this is not just obedience to anything, but being obedient to our God who loves us, desires that we flourish and be blessed. Our territory needs passionate leaders in our local centres. Pray that God's voice will be heard, that people will have courage to respond and obediently say 'yes' to the call to officership and territorial envoyship.