

WOMEN'S RETREAT PRAYER GUIDE

Day 1, Friday, February 28

Pray that God would call many of us to intercede this week. Ask that the Holy Spirit would inspire us to pray, teach us how to pray, and show us what to ask for.

Pray that God would be at work this week to orchestrate the details of our lives with purpose, so that the “manna” he rains down upon us for the retreat would be specifically sufficient. May his Spirit prepare our hearts and create unique opportunities this week in our daily lives that will directly relate to what we hear and take in at the retreat.

Day 2, Saturday, March 1

Pray that attendees, speakers, helpers, worship team, and prayer warriors would be shielded from Satan's attacks, his fiery arrows, his stumbling blocks, and the temptations he sends during this week before the event. Pray that we have discerning minds this week and keep our focus onward, onward toward heaven's gates!

Pray that there would be a hedge of spiritual protection over the retreat weekend. Ask that the spiritual forces of evil will be totally disabled from hindering our plans.

Day 3, Sunday, March 2

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Pray that we at the retreat would be inspired to dash forward, set our eyes on the finish line, and go onward to the mark. Ask the Lord to set our hearts ablaze with a focused, holy ambition! Pray that we would shake off the bands of laziness and idleness that hinder our run towards knowing God more and more. May God take our hearts and use this retreat to give us one passion in life—to press on for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus! Keep us, keep us, Lord! Keep us abiding and our eyes on you.

Day 4, Monday March 3

“Can anything be too difficult to the Holy Spirit? It is a grand thing often to get into deep water so as to be obliged to swim; but we like to keep our feet touching the sand. What a mercy it is to feel that you cannot do anything, for then you must trust in God and God alone, and feel that He is quite equal to any emergency!...Come, Holy Spirit, and work with all Thy people now!” - Charles Spurgeon

Pray that we would not be content to simply “get our feet wet” at this retreat. Pray that all of us who attend would dive out into the deep waters and trust God has a good and fruitful purpose for bringing us here. Ask God to work in our hearts, and that we would yield and allow the Spirit to have his way with us. “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?” (Jeremiah 32:27) No, O Lord our God! Nothing is too hard for you! Come and work with all thy daughters now!

Day 5, Tuesday, March 4

Pray that as we gather as sisters, that among us there would be an absence of fear, shame, jealousy, envy, strife, judgments, condescension, insecurity, gossip, inadequacy, self-centeredness, assumptions, slander, negativity, anxiety, worry, manipulating speech, and comparison.

And in place of the above, pray that in our gathering there would be the overflowing, abundant presence of humility, honesty, gladness, affection, integrity, unity, compassion, patience, love, joy, rejoicing, praise unto the Lord, worship of his holy name, deep commitment to the things of God, and peace.

Day 6, Wednesday, March 5

Pray for the content of the retreat; pray that it is a place where God's Word and the gospel of Jesus Christ is spoken, sung, proclaimed, and heard with the power of the Spirit. May God give his Word great success as it goes forth among us! Ask that the planned activities be used to deepen the bonds in the body of Christ and forge unity and purity among the women.

Pray that the speakers would be fully surrendered to the Lord in preparation and study. Ask that they will be as ones speaking the very Words of God to us with power.

Pray for the worship team's ability to engage the Lord with their own hearts so that they are ready and equipped to lead attendees in worship before the throne above with true humility.

Day 7, Thursday, March 6

"Lord, look on the necessities of thy servant!" – George Mueller

May the Lord look upon us, see the needs of his daughters and attend to us. Pray for a commitment among us to follow up with women after the retreat. Ask God to keep his truths rooted firmly in our minds and provide us with opportunities to encourage one another, engage one another, and care for one another after the retreat.

Pray that if there are specific, unseen needs among the women who attend, that these needs would be clearly revealed through conversation, follow up forms, etc. Pray that when we become aware of these items, that wisdom and discernment would be provided to know how to follow up and care for them.

Friday – Saturday, March 7-8...The Retreat!

May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans!
May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!
(Psalm 20:4-5)