



Pre-Retreat Prayer Guide

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

We are so thankful you will be joining us for the 2019 NC Baptist Women's Retreat! Our planning committee has been praying for you for months as you prepare to join us.

Our committee prays our retreat attendees would encounter the Lord during the time together at the retreat. We encourage you to spend some time in prayer asking the Lord to meet with you while at the retreat. In the following pages you will find daily prayer prompts for the next sixteen days. We hope you will use these to seek the Lord in prayer. This year's theme, "Abide," is taken from John 15. For each of the daily prayer prompts we have also included passages of Scripture from John 15 to read for that day. If you follow the outlined pattern, you will read through the passage six times before the retreat.

If you are unsure how to spend time in prayer, a beginning point is with the "ACTS" model of praying. This model is a way you can structure your praying:

- A** - adoration of the Lord
- C** - confession of sin
- T** - thanksgiving for what the Lord has done and is doing in your life
- S** - supplication, or intercession, on behalf of the needs of others and yourself

Our prayer for you is that of Paul for the Church at Colossae, "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God..." (*Colossians 1:9-10, NASB*).

THE VINEDRESSER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 – THE ROLE OF THE VINEDRESSER

- Praise God that as the Vinedresser He plans, plants, and cultivates the vines.
- Thank the Father for His sovereignty in revealing Jesus as True Vine!

Read [John 15:1-11](#)

Worship with songs from the retreat [here](#).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 – THE LOVE OF THE VINEDRESSER

- Rejoice today that God is the Vinedresser Who is sovereign.
- Praise God that He is the Father whose love is offered in Christ as a reality in which to dwell!

Read [John 15:12-17](#)

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – THE PRODUCT OF THE VINEDRESSER

- Pray for trusting faith today.
- Branches need wise care to produce good fruit; pruning insures they are hearty and healthy. Ask the Lord that He would produce good fruit in you as you abide in Him.

Read [John 15:18-27](#)

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – ABIDING IN THE VINEDRESSER

- Pray that God's glory will be evident through the fruit He produces in your life.
- Pray the goodness of God will be displayed in abundant fruit through the ABIDE retreat.

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THE VINE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 — JESUS IS THE WORD

- Pray for a deeper desire to know Jesus through His Word.
- Pray the Lord would prepare your heart to know and understand your dependency upon Jesus as the Vine.
- Pray you would abide in Jesus and His words would abide in you.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 — JESUS IS TRUSTWORTHY

- Pray the Lord would help you hear His voice as you seek Him in prayer.
- Ask the Lord to grow in your trust of Him as sufficient for you.
- Like the disciples, ask the Lord Jesus to teach you to pray.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 — JESUS DESIRES OBEDIENCE

- Ask the Lord to help you follow His example of obeying the Father (John 14:30-31).
- Ask the Lord to show you areas where you are not obeying Him.
- Pray you would follow the Lord in obedience and trust Him to bear the fruit.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 — WE CAN ABIDE IN THE VINE

- Pray the Lord would show you where you are not abiding in Him.
- Ask the Lord to teach you to know Him more.
- Ask the Lord to help you to be more dependent upon Him as the Vine.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 — BRANCHES ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE VINE

- Pray for a heart that is postured in obedience before the Lord.
- Pray God would grant you a spirit of humility and a heart of surrender to His working in your life.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 — APART FROM CHRIST, BRANCHES ARE USELESS

- Praise Him for His love, His faithfulness to the Father's will, and His perfect sacrifice.
- Praise the Lord that apart from Him you are useless. Pray for a heart that trusts and depends upon Him knowing He deserves all the glory.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 — OUR VINEDRESSER IS THE PERFECT KEEPER OF THE VINE

- Praise God that He provided salvation through His Son, Jesus. Pray God would show you where you have not surrendered parts of your life to Christ as Lord.
- Pray for hearts of repentance, and grace in transformation.
- Praise the Father for His forgiveness and loving-kindness towards us.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 — A GENUINE BRANCH OF THE VINE GLORIFIES THE FATHER

- Thank the Lord for the incredible gift of being able to honor Him in this life and for eternity!
- Pray for endurance to live worthy of the name of the Lord.

Read [John 15:18-27](#)

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 — PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT

- Thank the Lord that as you abide in Him, He will produce fruit in you. The Vine is your sustainer of life and the source of your abundance and He is to be praised.
- Pray asking the True Vine to cultivate the soil of your heart according to His will and purpose for your life.
- Ask the Lord to remind you that He produces the fruit, you must first abide, then

obey as He does the work in and through you.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- Praise your heavenly Father for His great love for you. He loves you. As you abide in His love, His joy is made complete in you.
- We are called to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). Pray asking God to give you a heart to love others. Pray specifically for anyone in your life that may be difficult to love.
- You are chosen and appointed to produce fruit and abide. Thank God for the fruit in your life and ask Him to give you the power to love one another.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 – THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- Ask God to help you daily as you walk by the Spirit rather than the desires of the flesh.
- “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). Spend time praying specifically for the areas in which you struggle.
- John 15:5 assures you that as you abide the branch will produce fruit. Pray that as you live by the Spirit your life will produce an abundance of spiritual fruit.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 – LOVE IN ACTION

- Praise Jesus for His great love as He laid down His life for you.
- “Let us not love in word or speech, but in action and truth” (1John 3:18). Pray that your actions will point to His Truth and your life will bear fruit giving all glory to the True Vine.
- Pray that your life will emulate Christ as you seek to love God and others by living a life of love in action.

Read [John 15](#)

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