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READING PLAN PART IV

WEEK ONE

September 14: Matthew 1

Monday Prayer:

We cannot easily imagine how one Person can be close to billions who live in every part of the planet, yet Your promise is being realized. Many nations who have resisted Your call for centuries are turning to You. Call them all, Lord, loud and clear. Set our hearts on fire with expectancy that You will certainly come, as if returning home, to people all over the earth. Jesus, just as You electrified your followers by entering a room after Your resurrection, we ask You to display Your presence to all of us who love You, and may Your risen Presence be recognized by many who have yet to follow You.

September 15: Matthew 2

Tuesday Prayer:

Pray for educators to impart truth and wisdom; to shape character through words and modeling; for resources; for protection and safety.

September 16: Luke 1-2

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray the needs of the poor are met; that God will release them from cycles of oppression and despair so they become Jesus' blessing for others.

September 17: John 1:1-18

Thursday Prayer:

Pray for the sick that they will cling to Christ in the midst of great suffering. Pray for a deep sense of God's presence, provision and hope

September 18: Psalm 113

Friday Prayer:

Pray for the Son of God to bring racial healing and forgiveness; that Christians display Jesus' reconciling power and beautiful unity of cultures to and within all nations.

WEEK TWO

September 21: Mark 1

Monday Prayer:

Jesus, You are the Shepherd-King who will bring about the greatest ingathering in all of history. No people on earth will be beyond Your reach. Find Your scattered lambs where no one thought to look before. Stand by each local flock - every local church - making them as gentle and strong as You are. Keep us as weak as sheep so that Your power is on display. Wean us from cheap gimmicks and coercive moves so that the power of the gospel transforms hearts. Conquering Shepherd, bring Your gospel to every neighborhood in Jefferson County and the city of Denver and establish more churches in every area.

September 22: Matthew 13

Tuesday Prayer:

Pray that God will refresh mothers with strength, grace and love as they model God's nurturing heart to all. That single Moms will be protected and endure.

September 23: John 2

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray for the healing of broken families. Pray for comfort where a loved one has died; for healing of bitterness; for financial help.

September 24: John 3

Thursday Prayer:

Pray for single people to taste satisfaction found only in Christ; that friendships would be rich; for marriage for those who so desire.

September 25: Psalm 47

Friday Prayer:

Pray that Christ will equip health care workers of every kind to display God's love and kingdom joy and to give skill, discernment and perseverance.

WEEK THREE

September 28: Matthew 5

Monday Prayer:

Many live in deep disappointment, worrying that nothing good will come. Pressures and fears batter people until they subsist as survivors. To these we can say with Jesus, "Repent! The Kingdom of God has come!" While laughable that we could seem so certain, the proof and power is Jesus' presence among us. Give Waterstone such bold expectations of Your "already here, but not yet in its fullness" Kingdom, that we would actually pray for sick people, for depressed people, for lost people. Lord Jesus, we believe You are coming to restore all things.

September 29: Matthew 6

Tuesday Prayer:

Follow Christ in the welcome of "the foreigner." Pray for safe and just immigration. Pray authorities will honor the Father's heart to provide and protect.

September 30: Matthew 7

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray for youth to know Jesus; to make wise choices; for healthy friendships and mentors; for open trust and talk with parents. Revival!

October 1: Matthew 24-25

Thursday Prayer:

Pray for fathers that they engage, care for and serve their families so children see the heart of the heavenly Father.

October 2: Psalm 2

Friday Prayer:

Pray for international visitors to be treated with respect. Pray they find friends and encounter the message of the gospel and come to know Jesus Christ.

WEEK FOUR

October 5: Matthew 13

Monday Prayer:

Lord, if we were to suffer the just repercussions of our sins, we would have been condemned and destroyed long ago. Instead, You have gone through the record of our failures, and by the power of Your love, our sins have been wiped away. We exist only by Your mercy, and we yearn for more because You have promised more. Not only do You forgive our sins, but You also deliver us from the debilitating power of sin. Father, renew our awareness of the power of these words: We are forgiven.

October 6: Mark 6

Tuesday Prayer:

In Jesus' name bless and empower families who farm, ranch or support agricultural industry, especially migrant workers who face injustice.

October 7: Luke 13

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray children hear the good news and encounter Jesus early in life; for family stability; solid education; safety; and that they see the Father's joy in them.

October 8: John 6

Thursday Prayer:

Ask King Jesus to call gang members to find satisfaction in Christ for their significance and belonging. Pray Christians reach them in love.

October 9: Psalm 1

Friday Prayer:

Pray for pastors to seek the LORD above all so that God pours out his Spirit on them for wisdom and humility so the Gospel comes with power.

WEEK FIVE

October 12: Matthew 16

Monday Prayer:

We have become proficient in religious performance. We can say the correct words and make the appropriate appearances, but we leave our hearts behind. We have structured our worship so that it is predictable and safe, becoming as bored as we are proud. We have approached You without heart or humility. LORD, gather our wayward and weary hearts to "astound us with wonder upon wonder." Ravish our hearts: stun us with how dangerous You are, surprise us with Your supremacy, and bear down upon us so brilliantly that the glory of Your Presence will literally stir our adrenalin.

October 13: Mark 9

Tuesday Prayer:

Ask Jesus to reveal his purpose for Coaches and Athletes to build character and share gifts. Pray athletes know Christ and display his goodness.

October 14: Luke 14

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray for orphans to have safe, loving homes with godly adoptive or foster parents; for healing from abuse; for siblings to be together.

October 15: John 8

Thursday Prayer:

Pray for women to be honored in their God-created glory; that every kind of injustice toward them cease; for each to know His purposes in their life.

October 16: Psalm 56

Friday Prayer:

May the Son of God inspire artists and entertainers with creativity that reflects God's glory. Pray their work transforms culture and reveals truth.

WEEK SIX

October 19: 2 Corinthians 5

Monday Prayer:

Revive us again! We believe your cross-shadowed love can renew the dead parts of our hearts. Move upon us Jesus, by your Spirit, Who gives us the strength to love and who places us in situations where we have the opportunity to love. Come upon your people with heaven's peace and save us in ways that surprise us. We will receive all that you say to us. Envelop us with the resurrection promise.

October 20: Romans 3

Tuesday Prayer:

Pray for marriages – whether strong or struggling - that Christ will bring hope and help; intimacy, confession and repentance - so each covenant reflects the Gospel.

October 21: Philippians 2

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray the Father to break every form of bondage: alcohol, drug, sexual. Pray for each one who struggles - for help and healing of mind and heart and body.

October 22: 1 Peter 2

Thursday Prayer:

Pray for Jesus' strength be poured out on the elderly; for honor and care that banishes loneliness. Pray the latter years full of Kingdom-give.

October 23: Psalm 22

Friday Prayer:

Thy Kingdom come: Pray for judges and law enforcement as agents of God's hand to resist evil. For wisdom and courage, protection and family blessing.

WEEK SEVEN

October 26: 1 Corinthians 15

Monday Prayer:

Follow the risen Christ to Waterstone: "Let Him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-crested east." – Gerard M. Hopkins

October 27: John 20

Tuesday Prayer:

Pray government leaders will see the risen Jesus and have wisdom, love and justice such that conditions will be favorable for the spread of the Gospel.

October 28: John 21

Wednesday Prayer:

Follow Christ to the homeless for shelter, food and healthcare; for resource and strength to rebuild; for employment and friendship; for Peace.

October 29: Romans 8

Thursday Prayer:

Pray for the unemployed that Jesus will provide calling and work so that they can clearly thank God for his provision and purpose.

October 30: Psalm 23 and 24

Friday Prayer:

Pray people in prisons will hear the gospel and follow Christ; for protection; provision for spouses and children of prisoners.

WEEK EIGHT

November 2: Matthew 28

Monday Prayer:

What you promised our father Jacob so long ago has been partly fulfilled. Because Jesus rose from the dead, millions who believe in Him have been grafted into Jacob's family, and we are among them. Though we are many, we have yet to be spread everywhere. Continue to send Your people to every part of the planet so that the Gospel will be proclaimed in every circle and setting. Wherever the Gospel has been heard, cause it also to be seen. Make me a proclaimer of Your good news and an exhibitor of Your love.

November 3: Acts 1

Tuesday Prayer:

Ask Jesus to send the Spirit to walk with those who are depressed. Pray for help, resource and friendship. For truth, renewing minds and hope in Christ.

November 4: Acts 2

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray people living with disabilities be surrounded by God, family and friends; for healing; for endurance through chronic pain; for finances and care.

November 5: Revelation 20-21

Thursday Prayer:

Remember the unborn. Pray God will turn hearts of parents toward their child; for each baby to find a home; that the unborn will be seen in God's image.

November 6: Psalm 16

Friday Prayer:

In Jesus' name bless native people and heal the harm that has come through broken promises and mistreatment. Pray churches flourish among them.

WEEK NINE

November 9: Galatians 5

Monday Prayer:

You promised Your Spirit would descend like a flash flood, a force of Life which makes parched places come alive. Cause this river to rush, bring forth new sprouts of Kingdom life in the withered places of our church and our community. May we, the believers of Waterstone, become streams and rivers of Life. You are Source, but let us be the course through which You send Your Spirit's healing to many. Fill me with Your Spirit.

November 10: John 14

Tuesday Prayer:

Ask Jesus Christ to bless those who base business practices in righteousness and kingdom mission. Pray for the gospel to be displayed and discussed in the marketplace.

November 11: John 15

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray for college students to follow Christ. For vocational decisions. For bold witness in cynical settings and for movements of prayer.

November 12: John 16

Thursday Prayer:

Pray for military personnel that gospel will spread through friendship, for wisdom in responsibilities, for help and support during separation.

November 13: John 17

Friday Prayer:

Pray God will reveal the dignity of all laborers who work as unto the King; that workplaces will be safe; for friendship and witness and justice.

WEEK TEN

November 16: Philemon

Monday Prayer:

You promised that, one day, ordinary people would speak of Your kingdom with lucid clarity. And that they would speak so strongly that others would be awed by the power of living under Your Lordship. May it be in our day. Fill our hearts so full of the magnificence of being loved and led by Jesus that we have to tell others about it. May I be the scent of heaven in each of my social settings

November 17: Titus 1

Tuesday Prayer:

Hear us on behalf of those who have become discouraged and have drifted away from You. Some have been wounded by the church. Others have been enticed by the world. We ask that they will live again. Jesus, please fulfill Your ancient promise to change hearts of stone. Only Your voice gives life. A whisper from You can wake my friends. A word can wake our church. A shout can humble a city. Lift Your voice, Son of God! Raise many to fullness of life.

November 18: Titus 2

Wednesday Prayer:

Pray for the flourishing of younger churches around us—Red Rocks Church, Flat Irons, Park Church, Denver Fellowship, Hope's Crossing and Resilience Church!

November 19: Titus 3

Thursday Prayer:

Set off chain reactions in our community and city. Move one person to tell another, who will then eagerly tell another so that people all over our community hear the message of the Gospel. We envision Your hand at work, preparing the lives of people in one house after another; one street after another; one campus after another; through the infrastructure of commerce, the theaters of entertainment and the halls of government. Cause the curious to become seekers and seekers to become followers. Jesus, astound the crowds. Show them who You are.

November 20: Psalm 67

Friday Prayer:

Send Your Servant to our nation and our city! Evil seems to flourish, but You have sent the One who has conquered death itself! We may have ignored Him, but He has long been at work. Jesus, You are heaven's chosen Champion, mantled with the Spirit of God, already the Victorious King. You are the healing Leader who does not campaign among the rich, nor foment revolution among the poor. Instead, You transform the weak and the needy to become like You. Place us at Your side so we'll be found with You among the world's forgotten



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