



COME AND PRAY

*a guide to praying for The Chosen
and the work of Come and See*

A BRIEF WORD TO GET STARTED

If you're looking for reasons for how on earth *The Chosen* even exists — let alone how it's pulled off unparalleled global impact — you don't have to squint to see the two biggest. And though we want to place an emphasis on the *second* reason, let's go on and start with the first: *this show is what it is because it stands on a mountain of loaves and fish.*

This would sound awfully strange in any other context, but you know the north-star truth that's long guided Dallas Jenkins, the creator of *The Chosen* — a truth inspired by the miracle of Jesus feeding the multitudes: *our job is not to feed the 5,000;*

it's only to provide the loaves and the fish. So, when Dallas had the idea to make the first multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus, which would take a miracle to get made, he knew that alongside bringing his own loaves and fish — the stuff of scriptwriting, casting, and directing — he needed others to bring theirs — the stuff of donations toward the project. With that in mind, an invitation went out and...you know the rest of the story.

The Chosen continues to impact millions of people because thousands of people continue to give. Even if they think their gifts are small — “just” half a loaf and not five whole, or “just” one fish and not two — fans keep bringing what they have, year after year, and we keep producing, translating, and distributing season after season.

BUT THERE'S A SECOND REASON THE CHOSEN EXISTS AND HAS THE IMPACT IT HAS: PRAYER.



The Chosen continues to impact millions of people because thousands of people continue to *pray*. Even if they think their prayers are small — a short prayer here for production and another there for translation or distribution — fans keep praying what they can, day after day, and we keep producing, translating, and distributing season after season.

All of this leads us along to one of our favorite quotes about prayer. It's from E. M. Bounds, a pastor in the late 1800s and early 1900s:

UNITS OF PRAYER COMBINED,
LIKE DROPS OF WATER, MAKE
AN OCEAN THAT DEFIES
RESISTANCE

This probably is going to sound strange, but we'll go on and say it: this show is what it is because it stands on a mountain of loaves and fish *that's floating on an ocean* — an ocean of simple prayers being offered faithfully and on the daily by people like you.

Just as we need your loaves and fish to keep coming, we also need your prayers — those drops of water that are creating an ocean that pushes back against (and even through) any resistance to the show. And *that's* why we've put together this simple little guide to help you in your prayers for the work of *The Chosen* and Come and See.





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And finally, just for fun and as a little gift to you, we wanted to offer a sneak peek at another prayer resource we’re cooking up.

*Okay. Let's get to praying. And hey: thanks
for not only bringing your loaves and fish,
but for adding to that ocean.*



PILLAR PRAYERS FOR THE WORK OF THE CHOSEN AND COME AND SEE

We want to help people all over the world “Come and See” the story of Jesus in one of the greatest ways it’s ever been told — through *The Chosen*. That’s our mission, pure and simple. But if we’re going to invite someone to “Come and See” something, there better be something for them to see. That’s why we’re all about **Production** — showing the story of Jesus in full and with artistic excellence across seven seasons of *The Chosen*. But we also know that if we’re going to invite someone to see something, that something should be *heard* in a language that makes sense to them, too. Which is why we’re also all about **Translation** — telling the story of Jesus in languages that represent 95 percent of the world’s population. And because having something for someone to see (and hear) is all for naught if they can’t even get to it, everything needs to be accessible. That’s why we’re ‘all in’ on **Distribution** that always includes a **Free Option** — sending the story of Jesus to the very ends of the earth

through several channels, including the critical delivery system of our time: a user-friendly app that offers every episode of each season at zero cost.

Production. Translation. Distribution — that always includes a Free Option. These are the pillars that support the overall mission of Come and See, and we need you to pray over these pillars on the daily.

We need you to pray what we call “pillar prayers” — prayers that strengthen the pillars that support and help fulfill our mission. So, to that end, we’re here to practically help you as you prayerfully help us.

PILLAR PRAYERS FOR PRODUCTION

We're a tad biased, but we have to say: the cast and crew beautifully brought to life one of the biggest moments in the life and ministry of Jesus — the Sermon on the Mount. But we want to say this, too:

The magnitude of trying to capture on film something so historically momentous — and to do so with excellence — is daunting.

Multiple cameras. Microphones everywhere. Key cast members and thousands of extras — which meant thousands of costumes and props. It was *a lot*. And that's just a taste of what was needed *during* filming. After Dallas called a wrap on it all, there were hours upon hours of video and

sound editing to be done, followed by musical scoring to add depth to each scene's emotional beats. The process to bring something like the Sermon on the Mount to life — not to mention other epic moments like, say, the Feeding of the 5,000 or Simon walking on water — is a labor of love and sacrifice. The men and women who make this series a reality face long days that are marked by countless artistic and logistical challenges, and they do so not only to deliver top-notch episodes but to help you encounter Jesus like you've never encountered him before. They're only looking to build on the great work they've already done — and we are, too — so here are two practical ways and one scriptural way you can *always* be praying for the entire production effort.

PRAY FOR OUR CAST AND CREW.

Filming is often portrayed as downright glamorous, but trust us: it is work. Pray for the energy and focus that's needed for everyone to put in their best effort on the daily. Ask for the kind of health that's needed for long days — and the kind of safety that's needed for difficult (even dangerous) scenes. Seek wisdom, creativity, and problem-solving skills on behalf of everyone who's behind every scene being filmed. And don't forget about all the work that's needed when a full season's been shot! Pray for everyone who works tirelessly to polish each episode for release, from our film editors to those gifted at sound engineering and editing to the musicians who make each scene quite literally sing.

PRAY FOR RESOURCING.

Filming isn't just work; it's expensive work. Pray that God would move in such a way that people all over the world would be inspired to keep doing what they've done since the earliest days of *The Chosen*: bring what 'loaves and fish' they have, so that each new Season can be brought to life. Ask God to provide rich wisdom for above-reproach stewardship of all the gifts that come our way.

PRAY GOD'S WORD.

In John 14:6, Jesus tells us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me." Pray that through a good and beautiful production of this series, people might be pointed to the one through whom they can draw near to the Father.



WATCH AND PRAY

Click on the QR code for a thrilling trip through our filming location in Dallas. As you fly along — through our costume department, past a beloved set piece, or just over the heads of our cast — maybe whisper a prayer of thanks for all that God's provided and boldly ask for him to provide more in each of the areas of production that you spot.

PILLAR PRAYERS FOR TRANSLATION

Most hit TV shows are translated into a dozen languages at best. With *The Chosen*, we're going for 600. And we didn't pluck that number out of thin air. By dubbing each episode into 100 languages — and subtitling them in another 500 — 95 percent of the world's population will be able to come



and see the Story as it's being told through the show. We can reach one billion people! It's a tall order, we know. And it's made all the taller, because we're doing the kind of translation work that meets people right where they are and speaks right to their heart.

It's why Rick Dempsey, our Senior VP of Creative and Global Localization — who came our way after 35 years at Disney — prefers the term *localization* over *translation*. "We call [our efforts] 'localization,' because there's so much more to it than just translating a script. Localization means trying to get the nuances of the dialogue ... the local idioms and phrases and colloquialisms of a language." We know this is the only approach that allows everyone *anywhere* — from the man

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listening in English to the woman listening in Hindi to the child listening in Malagasy — feel the warmth of each word from Jesus and the power of each moment in the series. Here are two practical ways and one scriptural way you can *always* be praying for the entire translation effort.

PRAY FOR OUR TRANSLATORS.

Take a moment to give thanks for the heavy-but-holy work of each of our translators. Pray that they might continue to sense and even experience God's presence as they work, that they might be emboldened and encouraged to continue. And because many of the men and women who are translating *The Chosen* are working in difficult, even *dangerous* conditions — because some of them face persecution or the threat of imprisonment simply for being involved — ask God to provide physical and spiritual protection for them, for their families, and for the communities in which they live and serve.

PRAY FOR ACCURACY AND IMPACT.

Remember: translation is more than just 'swapping out' a handful of English words for those that are Hindi or Malagasy. It's about conveying the message in a way that connects with different cultures and diverse hearts. Ask God to provide wisdom, creativity, and spiritual insight for each of our translators as they ensure every scene in each episode of *The Chosen* speaks the truth clearly and cogently.

PRAY GOD'S WORD.

In Romans 10:14, Paul writes, "How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?" Spend some time to thank God that more are hearing about the One who saves. Thank him that at the point of our writing this, over 50 language communities are already hearing the story of Jesus as it's being told through *The Chosen* — a world-wide record for the translation of media entertainment — and that in the wake of their hearing, many are believing.



WATCH AND PRAY

Ever wonder how a scene from *The Chosen* sounds in different languages? Wonder no more! Just click on the QR code. As each language you're listening to is identified by a title card, maybe whisper a prayer of thanks that the people each language represents are getting to experience the story of Jesus like never before.

PILLAR PRAYERS FOR DISTRIBUTION



WE FEEL PRETTY
STRONGLY ABOUT THIS
AT COME AND SEE:
GOOD NEWS IS MEANT
TO BE SHARED.

Especially when it's *the* good news. That's why Come and See is not only committed to producing and translating *The Chosen*, but also distributing it to the ends of the earth via partnerships that are local (churches), national and international (examples: Cru and Prison Fellowship International), and even pop-cultural (examples: CW, Prime Video, and movie theater services). And because we know millions of people in hundreds

of countries can't afford to, say, subscribe to a streaming service or pop into a movie theater, we've made sure the show is available around the world through a free app. We call it, of course, *The Chosen App*, and once folks have downloaded it on their cell phones, tablets, laptops, or smart TVs, they can access every episode of every Season at no cost whatsoever. They can even choose the language in which they want to experience it all! As Dallas Jenkins has said from the start: "The Gospel is free, so the show should be free." As we continue our work of bringing the show to the ends of the earth, here are two practical ways and one scriptural way you can always be praying for the entire distribution effort.

PRAY FOR OPEN MINDS TO THE GOSPEL.

For *The Chosen* to make its way into every corner of the world, there has to be several open doors — which are almost always the result of open *minds*. Pray that the minds of the political and cultural gatekeepers of the world might be opened to the base benefits of allowing in a media project marked by goodness. And to aid in the opening of minds, ask God to help international church communities identify ways they can be "salt of the earth" to catch the eye of the gatekeepers.

PRAY FOR THE EXPANSION OF PARTNERSHIPS.

At the time of our writing this, we've established local licensing partnerships with 50,000 churches who want to use *The Chosen* in their evangelistic and discipleship efforts. Through our partnership with Cru, hundreds of college campuses have hosted Chosen watch parties. And we've not even gotten to the hundreds of thousands of people impacted through our partnerships with Prison Fellowship International, The Bible Project, and YouVersion. Pray that God might move to establish even more partnerships, because it means even more people are experiencing the story of Jesus.

PRAY GOD'S WORD.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 reminds us that "two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor." Thank God for the partnerships that have made Come and See "two," rather than just "one." And go on and thank him in anticipation of even *more* duos that will expand the reach of this series, allowing it to change hearts across the globe.



WATCH AND PRAY

To help guide you along in those prayers of thanks, click on the QR code to watch a video about how Come and See's partnership with CRU is bringing *The Chosen* into college campuses.

♥ PILLAR PRAYERS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Production. Translation. Distribution. These are the pillars of our work at Come and See — pillars that will never change, because we know they can bring Transformation for one billion people. When we picture folks around the world, we tend to keep Matthew in mind. Because he'd never seen or heard anyone or anything to cause him to believe he could be loved — that he could be anything other than "other" — he lived a life of resignation. But then Jesus walked by, looked him in the eye and straight to his heart, and

simply said, "Follow me." And he did. All it took for Matthew to leave behind everything, including his resigned living, was for him to see and to hear that he was loved by God's own Son. At the end of the day, all the production, translation, and distribution is about that kind of transformation in the lives of people all over the world. That's what we want — more Matthew moments. And here are two practical ways and one scriptural way you can always be praying for the entire transformation effort.



PRAY FOR OPEN HEARTS IN VIEWERS.

Every episode is an opportunity for someone to encounter Jesus in a new way. Pray for the hearts and minds of every viewer to be open, from the opening credits to the end. Ask that they wouldn't just be entertained, but that they would come face-to-face with the loving truth of what God has done, is doing, and will do through Jesus. Seek God's power to knock down walls of fear, unbelief, and hard-heartedness, allowing room for faith to rise up.

PRAY FOR THE ONGOING DISCIPLESHIP OF VIEWERS.

We not only want faith to rise up in viewers, but *faithfulness*, too — for people to start to follow Jesus and his way and to continue in their following. Pray that the resources we are producing with partners like Cru, The Bible Project, and YouVersion, will help people continue to grow as disciples long after the last credit rolls, deepening their understanding of Jesus's life and mission.

PRAY GOD'S WORD.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God." That's from 1 John 3:1 — and that's exactly what we hope people come and see through *The Chosen*. Because if they do, it can transform them from the inside out. Take a moment to simply pray, "God, may all come and see through the story of Jesus as it's being told through *The Chosen* that this is the height and depth of your love: that they are your children."



WATCH AND PRAY

It probably goes without saying, but everyone at Come and See *loves* storytelling. But it's not just that we love telling the story of Jesus through *The Chosen*; we love telling the stories of those who have been transformed by an encounter with Jesus through *The Chosen*. We've long been collecting these transformation stories over at comeandsee.foundation.org — just click on the "Share Your Story" under the "Get Involved" tab — but for now, the QR code off to the side offers an incredibly moving

look at the kind of breakthrough that's happening in Madagascar because of *The Chosen*. Grab some tissues, give it a look, and whisper a prayer of thanks for just one of the *millions* of transformation stories.



PRESSING PRAYERS FOR THE WORK OF THE CHOSEN AND COME AND SEE

While we desperately need your prayers over our ongoing work *on the daily* — pillar prayers for the kind of Production, Translation, and Distribution that can lead to Transformation — some days call for additional, *very particular* prayers. Do you remember when COVID hit and shut down production? And speaking of shutting things down, how about the strike that impacted all entertainment projects in 2023, including ours? Or on a more positive note, in April of 2024, we passed the 50-language mark for translating the show — a world record! These days needed prayer, whether they were prayers of petition or prayers of celebration. Looking ahead, we might get news that one of our sets is under threat of floodwaters. Or maybe we'll know *exactly* the stretch of time that Dallas and the rest of the writing team are heading out on a retreat to finish scripting a Season. Or maybe a brand new global partnership has been established to get the show where it's never been before in the world. *These* days will need prayer — *very particular* prayers.

We're grateful for your help with what we've called pillar prayers, but we'd also love your help with what we'd call "pressing prayers" — prayers that are "of the moment," addressing matters as they're unfolding right then and there.

Now, obviously we can't guide you along in these prayers now. The prayer needs haven't revealed themselves yet! This is why we told you at the start of the prayer guide that this section was going to be much shorter than the section on pillar prayers. But we're still here to practically help you in two ways as you prayerfully help us.



REGULARLY VISIT THE CHOSEN APP

Over on *The Chosen* App, there's a way for you to always know the timely, focused, much-needed prayers we're in need of at any given moment. Each time a new season of *The Chosen* enters the production stage, it gets its own temporary section on the app. For example, at the time of our writing this prayer guide, you'll see a button titled "Season 5 Filming." If you click on that button, you'll land on a page that includes a bevy of material related to Season 5, including a "Prayer Requests" section. *This* is where you'll find live video updates from the set of the show that identify

real-time prayer needs that range from production logistics to praise reports to personal requests from the cast and crew to the ongoing efforts to expand the global impact of *The Chosen*. But that's not all: you can also post *your* prayers in our new chat feature, allowing us to see in real-time how we each are praying, so that we can encourage one another as a praying community and even think out loud about more ways we can be praying for *The Chosen* and the work of Come and See.



**To start praying
"pressing" prayers with
us, there are four simple
steps you need to take:**

- 1** If you haven't already, download *The Chosen* App by clicking on the QR code.
- 2** Once downloaded, open the app and click on the "Season 5 Filming" tab.
- 3** Scroll down to "Prayer Requests" to view the latest video updates.
- 4** Watch the video and pray as you're led!

*AND WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ADD A
'STEP 5': DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR PRAYER
IN THE CHAT FEATURE!*





JOIN THE PRAYER CREW

We think you're going to find *The Chosen* App to be of big help for keeping on top of our most pressing prayer needs. But you know what might be even bigger? Joining the Come and See Prayer Crew. It's simple to do and it's completely free.

As a member of the Prayer Crew, you'll get exclusive email updates each month that point to ways you can pray more particularly. In fact, because we know members of the Crew are wildly passionate about praying for the work of *The Chosen* and Come and See, you would be the first one to receive news of any urgent requests. But there's more:

- ♥ You'll hear behind-the-scenes stories from the Come and See team about the impact your prayers are having around the world.
- ♥ You'll be linked into a prayer blog that provides space for discovery, reflection, encouragement, and even more prayer direction.
- ♥ You'll get to interact with a prayer community that has grown to over 140,000 members.

And we're going to go ahead and add one final reason you should join the Prayer Crew: you'll get to know Laura Gish, who heads it all up. Trust us: she is a wonderful, encouraging soul to lead us along in this vital work.

**YOU'RE READY TO JOIN,
AREN'T YOU?
AWESOME.**

Just click on the QR code to
lock in your membership.



PERSONAL PRAYERS INSPIRED BY THE CHOSEN

Because we regularly get asked for clear direction on how to pray for the ongoing work of *The Chosen* and *Come and See*, our top priority was to get a simple, practical prayer guide in your hands. But while we were working on the prayer guide, we found ourselves drawn to the idea of a sort of working prayer book — a collection of short personal prayers inspired by key moments in *The Chosen*. So, we just went ahead and worked on the start of that resource, too! We thought maybe you'd like to have a few of those prayers *now*, so here are five of them, all inspired by moments in Season 1 and 2.

And there are more to come in the days ahead...





FOR REFLECTING ON THE WELCOME OF JESUS

A prayer inspired by the scriptural journey of the Twelve (Matthew 10:2-4 and Luke 8:1-3)

The motley circle of men and women who your Son called “disciples” never ceases to move me. A bellicose fisherman. A woman who’d housed seven demons. A bristling cynic. A wife whose husband kept house for Herod. A political zealot. Two brothers pleading for the delivery of divine fire. A tax collector. Two sisters arguing over work and rest. A traitorous apprentice. A man stubborn in doubt until he’d traced your Son’s scars. All of them a right mess, but each of them welcomed to follow. When I say the list moves me, I mean it comforts me, insisting there’s room for me — a right mess in my own right. May I see and know this is true. And when I say the list moves me, I mean it commissions me, demanding I give thanks for a welcome from you that’s so undeserving by me, but one offered out of deep and lasting love and made possible through your Son.

Amen.



FOR FAITHFULNESS IN THE MIDST OF THE MYSTERIOUS

A prayer inspired by the scriptural journey of Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

To tell me — just as your Son told Nicodemus — that your Spirit is like the wind is to invite me into a life marked by mystery. Like a gust,

you’ll arrive from directions I couldn’t have guessed, and like a gale, you’ll propel me to places I never could have imagined. But while I can’t ever know when you’ll come or where you’ll go, there’s no mystery in the ‘why’ behind them both: you always come to shape me in the likeness of your Son, to then send me out and about to love others. Father, give me the eyes to see whenever you’ve arrived, the hands to receive whatever it is you give, and the feet to follow you to wherever it is you’ve prepared a work of love.

Amen.



FOR ALWAYS KEEPING IN MIND YOUR OTHER CALLING

A prayer inspired by the scriptural journey of four fishermen (Luke 5:1-11)

When your Son calls on four fishermen to become fishers of men, it’s not only a playful way to commission them, but an instructional one for my own commissioning. The invitation to new work isn’t at all a judgment against what they’re already doing — the good stuff of boats and nets and provision — but simply an acknowledgment that there is always a first calling before our second. We each of us hold a kingdom vocation first, well before our second vocations of teaching or building or selling or — yes — even fishing. This story from your word reminds me that my first calling is ever and always this: to love my neighbor by aiding them in any way I can as they draw near to you through your Son. This is the work I am to do even as I do my other work. Keep my eyes on my first calling and vocation, even as you

help me keep them on my second. Strengthen and busy my hands for my first calling and vocation, even as you strengthen and busy my hands for my second. And this, too: empower and hold fast those who, like these four fishermen, find that their first calling and vocation serves as their second, too. That is, empower and hold fast the men and women who engage in full-time ministry, be it in my own backyard or at the very ends of the earth.

Amen.



FOR JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF HEALING

A prayer inspired by the many who were healed by Jesus (Matthew 4:23-24)

I know the stories of old — stories of unparaleled healing. You brought light to darkened eyes, opened closed ears, mended lifeless limbs, calmed raging fevers, straightened withered hands, smoothed tattered skin, stopped senseless bleeding, and settled seizing bodies. And now I have my own story. I pleaded. You moved. I’ve been healed. And I rejoice. Even if in your wisdom you’d chosen not to bring me healing on this side of the new heavens and new earth, still I would have rejoiced. But healing has come, and my thanks is unending. And keeping in mind that every story of healing is written so that you and your works might be displayed in the one who is healed, I will tell my story — and only let my story be told by others — in a manner that turns all eyes to you, that more hearts might just turn to you.

Amen.



FOR REJOICING AT HAVING BEEN SEEN

A prayer inspired by the scriptural journey of Nathanael (John 1:43-51)

In this online age, I’ve never been superficially seen more, which is to say I’ve never been truly seen less. While others think they see and know me, that’s only ever true to a point. And I do find some comfort in that, because if they were to see past my face and into darker corners of my heart — beyond carefully-curated highlights to the lowlights that lurk — surely they would never draw near me again. But I desperately need someone able and willing to see it all, yet willing still to draw near in the wake of having done so. It’s why I’m drawn to the story of Nathanael. With his back against a fig tree, he’s rehearsing how he’s up against a wall, and your Son sees him — sees all within him — and still draws near. It’s good to see, because your Son says that if we’ve seen him, we’ve seen you. And so in this moment between Jesus and Nathanael, I see you that you are the one who truly sees and still draws near. And so I rejoice in you, the one who sees, and in my being seen and still being dearly and deeply loved.

Amen.

THE CHOSEN PRAYER

Blessed are You,

Lord our God, King of the universe.

You made us creative because You created first.

*We thank You for using the ordinary and the broken,
so please use us and please use The Chosen.*

*May the stories they share be the loaves and the fish that You multiply,
so the multitudes see Jesus.*

Send Your Gospel through The Chosen to those who have not heard.

Bring them close to Jesus. Let them encounter Him in Your Word.

*Daily provide the manna The Chosen team members need,
so more people can meet Jesus, so all nations can come and see.*

Amen.



ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE CHOSEN PRAYER?

It's a short prayer we've been praying for quite some time now that pretty much covers everything in this guide in one fell swoop. It's even got a pretty neat backstory. If you want to learn more about it, click on the QR code to listen in on a conversation between Laura Gish, who heads up our Prayer Crew, and Mart Green, a member of Come and See's Board of Trustees.