



ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY • AUGUST BIBLE STUDY • WEEK 3 • AUGUST 19, 2026

UPWARD TRAJECTORY

Pray Along: A Worksheet for Prayer Closet

Name: _____

Date: August 19, 2026

Not personal elevation. Spirit-led pursuit. • Not ambition. Alignment. • Not status. A summons.

As each leader prays, follow along here. Read the verse with them, sit with the reflection question, then write your own prayer in the space provided.

1. PRESSING: RESPONSE, NOT PERFORMANCE

Read: "Christ Jesus has made me his own." Phil 3:12, ESV

Pray: Begin with, "Lord, let my pressing be a response to Your grip, not a performance for Your approval." Then continue in your own words.

Reflect: What have you been performing instead of pursuing?

2. THE MARK: AIM SET FROM ABOVE

Read: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go." Psalm 32:8, KJV

Pray: Begin with, "Lord, show me the mark You set before I ever looked up." Then continue in your own words.

Reflect: In one sentence, what do you believe God is forming you into this season?

3. THE PRIZE: UNDIVIDED AFFECTION

Read: "That I may gain Christ." Phil 3:8, ESV

Pray: Begin with, "Lord, let nothing I'm chasing outweigh the worth of knowing You." Then continue in your own words.

Reflect: What has quietly been competing with Christ for first place in your life?

4. THE CALLING: COURAGE TO WALK IN IT

Read: *"I will guide thee with mine eye."* Psalm 32:8, KJV

Pray: Begin with, "Lord, guide me into the calling You set before I was formed." Then continue in your own words.

Reflect: Where have you been auditioning for something God already assigned you?

ONE THING I'M CARRYING OUT OF TONIGHT

CLOSING PRAYER: THE HEART OF THE MONTH

Lord, we press because You already took hold of us, not to earn what was already given. We aim because You set the mark before we ever looked up, and we ask You to guide us there. We release whatever we mistook for the prize, remembering that the prize is You, fully known and fully gained. And we walk in whatever You have called us to, not because we applied, but because You appointed it long before we arrived. As this month closes, let our trajectory always be Yours to lead, never ours to plan. Lead us. Guide us.

We press because Christ has already taken hold of us. We aim because God marked the way before we found it. We endure because Christ Himself is the prize. We rise, not because we reached, but because the call came from above.