

## The Year of Harvest

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 26

### The Year of Harvest –Fruit of the Spirit – Joy and Peace

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!.*

#### Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)



**Prayer Focus:** In these we are looking at the fruit that God desires to produce in and through our lives by the Holy Spirit who lives within us. Fruit that will reap reward when we stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. God wants to produce in our lives, His Joy. We often quote the verse, “The joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10),” but what is this joy, really? This is a gladness of heart that fill us with rejoicing despite the circumstances we find ourselves in. Paul calls it “Joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). This joy comes through faith in the character and faithfulness of God. It is joy that allows us to rejoice in the Lord, at all times (Philippians 4:4). It is anchored in our relationship with our loving and gracious God. The peace of God is also a fruit of the Spirit of God. In the Hebrew, the word is “shalom.” Shalom means completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord. It has the meaning of being complete, perfect and full. It is more than just the absence of conflict, but a completeness that only comes through relationship with God. Having the peace of God means that we understand that in Christ we are complete and have all that we need. Paul says that in Christ we are given every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ (Ephesians 1:3). This joy and peace are not things to be kept to ourselves and only enjoyed in our own lives. But because this is the fruit of the Spirit of God, this joy and peace allows us to extend this joy and peace to others around us, to those in the church, but also to those who do not yet have a relationship with God. The world is filled with sadness and discord and needs to see the joy and peace of God manifested in the lives of God’s people. This can be a powerful witness of the power of God to transform lives. Is the witness of your life, joy and peace?

**Day 1:** Meditate on the meaning of the fruits of joy and peace, and their place in your life today.

**Day 2:** Worship the Lord today that He wants to give you His joy and His peace for your life.

**Day 3:** Is your life characterized by God’s joy and His peace? Ask Him to fill you with joy and peace.

**Day 4:** Pray that your family will know the joy and peace of God in your family relationships.

**Day 5:** Pray for the members of your church to be filled with the joy and peace of the Lord each day.

**Day 6:** Pray that God’s joy and peace will be the characteristic of believers all across your city.

**Day 7:** Pray for the missionaries you know to be filled and be producing God’s joy and peace in their lives.