

Towel Service

Pause and Reflect: Recall a time in your life when you were surprised by someone's unexpected act of service to you. How did this make you feel? Sit with God and begin to thank Him for the many ways He has met your needs in unexpected ways and through unexpected people.

Scripture: *“Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him”... “And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.” John 13: 3-5; 14-15 NLT*

Scriptural Insights: Jesus, creator of the earth, Royal, heavenly King, dons a towel and bends down in great humility to wash the dirty feet of his disciples. Their beloved teacher and guiding light washes their feet. As a leader, he demonstrated that no one was beneath him to serve, and that everyone was deserving of His love. More importantly, he came to wash the hearts of sinners clean by dying on the cross. Jesus, humble, suffering servant to all, prompted by love, serves. If we are in Christ, then “Towel Service” is one of the greatest ways we display the power of Christ's love and redemption towards others.

Prayer Points:

Pray for opportunities to encourage, pray, and serve those in the Service industries. Pray for our service workers to encounter the love of Christ.

- Health care workers and caregivers
- Hotel and food services
- Technology & Manufacturing workers
- Community and emergency services personnel
- Education, Banking and Financial industry workers
- Customer Service Representatives & other areas of service that come to mind as you pray.
- Tradesmen and Tradeswomen that service many aspects of our day-to-day living.

Personal Prayer:

- Ask God to open your heart and eyes to the needs of those around you.
- Pray for Christ's cleansing power to live through you each day.
- Ask God who you should be praying for in your group, your family, and in your sphere of influence that needs their heart cleansed by Jesus.
- Ask God to increase your love for all of mankind and to show you how to create, expand, or build your “Towel Service” “to the least of these”.

Prayer for Outreach groups:

- Pray for opportunities for you to encounter women who need to hear about Jesus and ways you can invite them into your groups.
- Pray for our planning teams as they serve to create a safe and inviting atmosphere for women to encounter Jesus.
- Pray for our Small group Bible Studies as they serve to teach women the love of Christ through Scriptures.