

Open Door Praying for Spiritual Maturity in September

September means "seventh month," but changes in the calendar have pushed it back to the ninth month. Seven in the Bible is a number reflecting perfection. While none of us, save God, is perfect, we are to aim to be like Christ and seek to be "perfect" in a sense that means mature. Let's pray that God will mature us and fellow Christians in the month of September. I am praying for you! -Pastor Dennis Schaffer

Day	Scripture	Prayer Requests
☐ September 1	Habakkuk 3:2, O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.	Pray for revival. Pray for continued grace during the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray for our welcome ministry team.
☐ September 2	Philippians 3:13-14, Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.	Pray for God to keep us humble and open to seeing our personal imperfections. Pray for help to keep stretching and growing to become like Christ. Pray for our music and media ministry team.
☐ September 3	Philippians 3:15, Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.	Pray for God to reveal where we are less-than-perfect. Pray for our children's and preschool ministries and their workers.
☐ September 4	Philippians 3:16, Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.	Pray for mature Christians to stay flexible to and united in God's will as we follow His plans as a church family.
☐ September 5	2 Peter 1:5, And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;	Pray that God would save souls. Pray that Christians would add virtue and knowledge to their lives.
☐ September 6	2 Peter 1:6, And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;	Pray that believers would add temperance, patience, and godliness to their lives.
☐ September 7	2 Peter 1:7, And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.	Pray for Christ followers to add kindness and love to their lives.
☐ September 8	2 Peter 1:8, For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.	Pray for your walk with Christ to abound and be fruitful. Pray for our clean and fix ministry team workers.
☐ September 9	Ephesians 4:11–12, And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:	Pray for pastors, teachers, and missionaries who build peoples' lives with the Bible. Pray for our church to grow in maturity. Pray for our discipleship ministry team.
☐ September 10	Ephesians 4:13–14, Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;	Pray for Christians to mature in their knowledge of Christ through the Bible and to develop discernment. Pray your love for the Bible will grow. Pray God's people will engage in meaningful relationships and service for the glory of Christ. Pray our church attendance will continue to grow.
☐ September 11	Ephesians 4:15, But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:	Pray for Christian tactfulness as we share God's truth with love. Pray others will grow through our intentional efforts.
☐ September 12	Hebrews 5:12, For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.	Pray for our church family to grow and mature as we seek to teach others and emulate lives for others to follow. Pray for our Sunday school ministry team and our teachers and helpers.
☐ September 13	Hebrews 5:13–14, For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.	Pray for believers who have stopped growing to grow again. Pray for the Bible to focus your thoughts and actions on God each day.
☐ September 14	Hebrews 6:1–2, Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.	Pray for new Christians would get grounded in Biblical truth. Pray that God would refresh your mind about the great truths He taught you when you were first saved. Pray for stability.
☐ September 15	1 Corinthians 14:20, Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.	Pray for spiritual maturity that helps you quickly let go of offenses.

	1 Corinthians 2:6, Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the	Pray thanking God for His truth that will always stand as you see
☐ September 16	wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:	around you that worldly wisdom fails.
☐ September 17	James 1:3–4, Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let	Pray with joy knowing struggles are a part of God's plan to strengthen
	patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.	and build you up.
☐ September 18	Ezra 7:25, And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set	Pray that as our nation becomes more secular that our church will have
	magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all	new and growing opportunities to share and teach God's Word. Pray
	such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not.	for our school and childcare center.
☐ September 19	Matthew 28:19–20, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name	Pray for God to help you see opportunities to invite others to follow
	of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things	Christ as His disciples. Pray for our outreach ministry team. Pray for our
	whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of	missionaries as they represent Christ for us around the world. Pray for
	the world. Amen.	our transportation ministry.
☐ September 20	Acts 18:11, And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God	Pray that God would help us to plant a church in the future. Pray the
	among them.	Bible will significantly influence your life and others' lives.
	1 Timothy 4:1–2, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall	Pray for Christians to know the Bible well to keep their faith strong.
☐ September 21	depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking	Pray for truth to rule our hearts. Pray for young people to know Christ
	lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;	personally and to deepen their roots in God's Word.
	1 Timothy 4:7–8, But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather	Pray for God to help our church family to be godly. Pray for wisdom to
☐ September 22	unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all	see through fallacy and to engage in meaningful and profitable
	things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.	conversations that honor Christ.
☐ September 23	Titus 2:1, But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:	Pray you know God's Word, so you may share it with others.
☐ September 24	2 Samuel 22:31, 33, As for God, his way is perfect; The word of the Lord is tried: He is a	Pray that the path you walk in life would follow His perfect and
	buckler to all them that trust in himGod is my strength and power: And he maketh my	maturing way. Pray for others in your family to know and mature in
	way perfect.	Christ.
☐ September 25	Job 1:1, There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was	Pray your walk with God would be an example others may look to. Pray
	perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.	for our men's and women's ministries.
☐ September 26	Proverbs 4:18, But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth more and	Pray our church's testimony would shine brighter as we each mature.
	more unto the perfect day.	Pray and live today expecting Christ to come again soon.
☐ September 27	Matthew 5:48, Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.	Pray God will help you be holy like He is. Pray for our teen ministry.
☐ September 28	1 Corinthians 1:10, Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,	Pray our church would mature and grow together, seeking selfless
	that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye	ways to serve and share Christ.
	be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.	
☐ September 29	2 Corinthians 7:1, Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse	Pray and renew your walk with Christ, asking Him to make you holy
	ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.	and stretch your faith to make you more mature.
☐ September 30	2 Corinthians 12:9, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength	Pray for grace to help you in the weak times of life, so Christ's power
	is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,	would rest upon you and be shown through you.
	that the power of Christ may rest upon me.	

