

316 The 3:16 Journey of Love **January 3—March 2, 2016**
60 Days Exploring the Love of God and Loving Our Neighbors

Sunday <i>Greatest Love</i>	Monday <i>Greatest Need</i>	Tuesday <i>Greatest Gift</i>	Wednesday <i>Resurrected Son</i>	Thursday <i>Available to All</i>	Friday <i>Genuine Faith</i>	Saturday <i>Eternal Life</i>
“For God so loved	The world	That He gave	His only begotten Son	That whoever	Believes in Him	Should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
John 3:16—“For God so loved...” Jesus told us the Greatest Story of the Greatest Love ever shown... His Father willingly gave His <i>“only begotten Son”</i> to die on the Cross, opening the door to Eternal Life for anyone and everyone who would place genuine faith in Him. Jesus spoke these words in John 3:1-16 in a conversation with Nicodemus, so he could come to faith in Christ. Use this Prayer Calendar to take <i>The 3:16 Journey of Love—Loving God and Loving Others</i> . The greatest act of love is sharing Jesus Christ—the Message of His life, love, death, burial, resurrection, and His Gift of Eternal Life to anyone that places faith in Him. Use this Prayer Calendar each day. Read the focus Scriptures and pray God’s Word for your life and the people all around who need this Good News!						
Week One: The Greatest Love—“For God so loved... He gave.” We thank You, Oh Lord, for Your great love and Your great giving.						
Day 1 January 3 God Loves. John 3:16. Think about this Greatest Love the Father showed. Thank Him for His love. Ask Him for ways to share this love with others.	Day 2 The Son’s Need 4 Luke 15:11-32. The son’s greatest need was not land and food, but love and forgiveness. The Father gave both. Our Father gives His love and forgiveness.	Day 3 Indescribable Gift! 5 2 Corinthians 9:15. Paul erupted in praise to God for the <i>“undescribable gift”</i> of His Son and His Grace. Thank Him for all He has given you—Share Him.	Day 4 Resurrected One 6 Psalm 2:7; Acts 13:33-39. As the Resurrected One, the <i>“begotten”</i> Son revealed His power over sin and death, paying for and forgiving sin. Worship!	Day 5 “Blessed...” 7 Matthew 5:3-10; Luke 6:20-23. Jesus’ promise of <i>“Blessed...”</i> is for anyone willing to be honest about the heart, admit one’s need, and come to Him.	Day 6 Pleasing Him 8 Hebrews 11:5-6. As Enoch believed God, continually coming, diligently seeking Him. So may I please Him, seeking, trusting Him to be all He says He is.	Day 7 “Not Perish” 9 John 3:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9. Those who refuse to believe and obey <i>“the gospel”</i> will be banished from His Presence.
Week Two: The Greatest Need—Love others as God has loved us. All around in this world, people need to know they are loved by God. We can show that through prayer and action.						
Day 8 “We love” 10 1 John 4:19-21. <i>“We love”</i> because God <i>“first loved us.”</i> That love is seen in how we love others . Ask God to love thru you today.	Day 9 “I’m Wrong” 11 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-24. The issue in Eden was not food, but self-will , an evil choice against God . We need to repent and trust .	Day 10 “He gave...” 12 Acts 14:17; 17:25. God Himself gives <i>“food,”</i> as well as <i>“life and breath.”</i> Thank the Father for His love and provision.	Day 11 “Propitiation” 13 1 John 2:2; 4:9-10. God sent His Son Jesus as the <i>“propitiation”</i> or mercy covering for our sins, our greatest need . Great love!	Day 12 His Invitation 14 Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus invited anyone listening to come and be given His kind of <i>“rest... for your souls”</i> —come admitting being weary and burdened.	Day 13 Real Faith 15 Joshua 2:1, 10-14, 17-21; 6:25; Hebrews 11:31. Needy Rahab obeyed the words of the spies, trusting the God of Israel as her God. Honest obedience.	Day 14 Everlasting 16 Daniel 4:34-37; 7:14. The humble who honor the Most High, the King of Heaven, can be part of His eternal Kingdom.
Week Three: The Greatest Gift—Lord, love through us and give through us day by day, so others can see how You love us and how You love them.						
Day 15 “We Know” 17 1 John 3:16. God clearly showed His love in laying down His life for us. Ask God to guide you in loving others, so they know too.	Day 16 Caring 18 Matthew 9:35-38. Jesus had compassion on those He saw, weary, wandering, as sheep without a shepherd. He urged prayer and sent His disciples into the fields.	Day 17 His Blood 19 Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:7-8; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:9. Jesus gave His very blood to redeem and purchase <i>“the church.”</i>	Day 18 Like Father 20 John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18. The <i>“only begotten”</i> Son is one with the Father, shows and obeys the Father. Believe in Him for eternal life.	Day 19 Willing 21 Mark 1:40-45. The leper implored Jesus, <i>“If You are willing, You can make me clean.”</i> Jesus healed him fully. He is willing to give and forgive, to make new.	Day 20 Touched 22 Malachi 4:2; Mark 5:25-34. The woman touched the edge/wing of Jesus’ robe, believing in Him as the Messiah—a faith touch that brought healing & salvation.	Day 21 Forever Rich 23 2 Corinthians 8:9. Hebrews 11:24-27. Each believer has riches in Christ, treasure forever. Moses chose Christ’s greater riches.
Week Four: The Resurrected Son—Lord, we praise You as the Resurrected One, all-powerful even over death. Live in and through us this powerful life and this gracious love.						
Day 22 Father Loves Me 24 John 10:17-18. Jesus gave all—to die and be raised alive. The Father and Jesus love fully. Love Him and others. Tell this love story.	Day 23 “Through Me” 25 John 10:7-10. Jesus came to lead to life, to feed for life, and to give eternal life, our greatest need . Tell others to listen, come, and receive.	Day 24 For the Sheep 26 John 10:11-15. In His goodness, Jesus gave His life <i>“for the sheep.”</i> He is concerned for each. Tell others of His great love.	Day 25 Power Revealed 27 John 14:8-11; Revelation 1:17-18. Jesus revealed Himself as one with the Father & Lord over death, hell, and the grave. Bow!	Day 26 Look & Live 28 Numbers 21:4-9; Isaiah 45:18-22; John 3:13-15. God calls all to look to Him in faith and be saved, to live, to be given eternal life.	Day 27 About Jesus 29 Acts 17:16-19, 30-34. Paul spoke about <i>“Jesus and the resurrection.”</i> Some “believed” and joined with him. Others—no or not now.	Day 28 Inheritance 30 Acts 26:18; Galatians 3:29; 4:1-7. 1 Peter 1:3-4. Heirs receive the inheritance promised. Each child of God is an heir with Christ.
Week Five: Available to All—Lord, thank you that I am part of “whosoever.” Empower me with grace, wisdom, and love to share this with the “whosoever’s” I meet each day.						
Day 29 Like Father 31 Matthew 5:43-48. Like the Father loves and gives, you love and give. Pray for those who oppose. Reveal the Father to others.	Day 30 February 1 Passing Away— 1 John 2:17; 1 Corinthians 7:31. The world is <i>“passing away,”</i> the ship is sinking. Tell all, the need is great.	Day 31 Jesus Gave 2 Matthew 20:24-28; John 15:13. Jesus came to <i>“give His life a ransom,”</i> no greater love or gift!	Day 32 Lord and God 3 John 20:26-29. Jesus revealed Himself as Resurrected Lord and God for any and all to believe.	Day 33 “All who Call” 4 Romans 10:12-13. God answers with abounding riches of salvation for <i>“all who call upon Him.”</i>	Day 34 Obedience of Faith 5 Romans 1:1-8, 16-17. Paul called all to believe/obey and receive salvation and righteousness through Jesus Christ, then live by faith.	Day 35 Guarantee 6 John 6:37-40. <i>“The one who comes”</i> to Jesus, is never cast out, but receives eternal life and is raised up.

Week Six: Genuine Faith—Lord, may I walk with God-pleasing faith, trusting You each day and helping others trust You as Savior, Lord, and Life.						
Day 36 “God is Faithful” 7 1 Corinthians 1:9. “God is faithful” and calls us into loving fellowship with His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Share the Good News.	Day 37 Don’t Say... 8 Revelation 3:14-22. Some say “I...have need of nothing.” Each greatly needs the Lord and His salvation. Admit & Tell that	Day 38 Gift of God 9 Ephesians 2:8-10. Faith is the doorway to receive the gift of God, salvation now and forever. His gift, not our earnings—Give thanks.	Day 39 Believe in Him 10 John 3:16; Acts 4:10-12. Believe in the Person of Jesus , not an impersonal plan. No other Name , no other Savior .	Day 40 Receive HIM 11 John 1:12; Romans 8:9, 14-17; Galatians 3:26. Receiving Jesus means believing He is who He says He is & He will do what He says.	Day 41 Hearing—Faith 12 Galatians 3:1-2, 6-9; Romans 10:14-17. Real faith bases all on hearing the word of God. God speaks and calls. We answer in trust-faith.	Day 42 Boast Forever 13 Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. We boast in God forever, not in what we know or can do or what we have, but in Who He is and All He can do.
Week Seven: Eternal Life—Never Perish—Lord, thank You that You are the Eternal God who gives Your kind of Life to Your children... Everlasting Life that will “never die.”						
Day 43 Love and Life 14 John 11:3, 5, 25-26, 35-45. Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. He promised resurrection life and raised him to the glory of God.	Day 44 Needing Life 15 Romans 5:6; Ephesians 2:1-7. With us “ dead ” in “ trespasses and sins ,” at “ the right time ” Christ died for us and “ made us alive .”	Day 45 Mercy 16 Luke 18:9-14; Titus 3:4-7. We need mercy; we cry out, “ be merciful to me, the sinner ” and He forgives and gives life.	Day 46 Overcomer! 17 Revelation 2:7; Romans 8:31-37. Jesus gives us His overcoming life and promises eternal life with Him “ in the Paradise of God .” Rejoice. Tell others.	Day 47 Rich to All 18 Romans 10:12; Ephesians 1: 6-8. God “ is rich to all who call on Him ,” giving His blessing and the lavish “ riches of His grace .”	Day 48 Real Life 19 John 11:23-25. Jesus said, “ Do you believe this? ” that believing in Him brings life forever, not dying forever. Jesus is always able to give life. Believe Him for Life.	Day 49 Secure Forever 20 John 10:27-30. Secure in the Shepherd’s Hand and in the Father’s Hand forever. Never perish, Never apart from Him.
Week Eight: “Life!”—Lord, You are the Living God, alive forevermore. “He who has The Son has the Life.” Thank You that “the Life” You give is abundant, fruitful, and eternal.						
Day 50 Loved & Gave 21 Ephesians 5:1-2, 25; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 3:18. Christ loved and “ gave Himself up ” for the Church. Praise Him and tell others.	Day 51 Very Needy 22 Romans 5:6-10. Christ died for us—“ helpless... ungodly... sinners... enemies ”—very needy. How great His love, His gift!	Day 52 “Gift of God” 23 John 4:10. Jesus is ready, willing, and able to give “ the gift of God ,” even “ living water .” Just ask and urge others to ask.	Day 53 “Newness of Life” 24 Romans 6:4-5. Christ was “ raised from the dead ” to give “ newness of life ,” a new walk. Live this Good Life. Share the Good News.	Day 54 Life Not Wrath 25 John 3:36; 1 Thessalonians 5:9. Any “ who believes in the Son has eternal life ,” not wrath, nor is he destined for wrath.	Day 55 Believe Him 26 Romans 4:5, 17. Genuine faith trusts in God “ who gives life to the dead .” He is able and willing. Believe Him.	Day 56 Hope Eternal 27 Titus 1:2. 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13. “ God, who cannot lie, promised ” eternal life in His Son Jesus to any who call on Him. What hope!
Week Nine: “We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”—1 John 3:16						
Day 57 “Love of Christ” 28 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. “ The love of Christ ” affects us every day, in every relationship. Live for Him. Love Him and others.	Day 58 Seeing Others 29 1 John 3:14-18; 4:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 3:12. See the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Give as God leads. Increase in love for all those around us.	Day 59 He Gave March 1 Galatians 1:4. Jesus gave His life for us, to give His life to us, to live His life in us, to express His life through us, so others can know His life forever.	Day 60 “Amen!” 2 2 Corinthians 1:19-22. The work of Father, Son, and Spirit puts His “ promises ” in force. We say “ Amen ,” “yes,” “I agree,” secured!	316—John 3:16—3/16. While March of 2016 is often written 3/16, God desires everyday to be a “ 316 ” Day of experiencing His love to us and showing His love to others. It is a “ 3:16 Journey of Love ”—God loved—God gave—We believe—We live. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit, His love, then look for ways to share— 1. God loved. 2. God gave. 3. We believe. 4. We live. Help others truly know John 3:16.		

FOR YOU PERSONALLY—HOW TO USE “THE 3:16 JOURNEY OF LOVE”—60 DAYS OF EXPLORING THE LOVE OF GOD AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS—PRAYER CALENDAR

This **Prayer Calendar**, “**The 3:16 Journey of Love**,” focuses on **John 3:16** (perhaps the best known Bible verse in the world). God loves us and He has clearly shown that in His Gift of His Son to live among us, to die for us, for all our sins, wrongs, rebellion, then to rise from the dead and give forgiveness and His life to us. Someone has well said “Jesus gave His Life for us, to give His Life to us, to live His Life in us, to express His Life through us!” That is the Greatest Love Gift ever known, ever shown.

Every word in John 3:16 tells us something about the Father’s Gift of His Son and our Salvation. It reveals **the heartbeat of God—“God so loved... He gave....”** Let this **Calendar** focus **your** heart every day as you pray and go about your daily schedule. Look for ways God is showing His love to you and thank Him. Look for ways, for open doors He is giving you to show His love to others and to share the Message of “**God so loved...**” with others so they too can know Jesus as Lord and Savior and His Eternal Life. What a gift! What an opportunity we have each day! If **you do not yet know** Him as your Father, you can **call on Him now (Romans 10:9-13)**. Turn to Him from any and all sin, anything that is not His will, and place your faith in the work of His Son Jesus—His death on the Cross, His resurrection from the grave, His enthronement as Lord (Philippians 2:5-11). Give Him your life, your sin and in **exchange** receive **His Love, His Life and His Righteousness** (John 3:15-16; Romans 3:21-26; Titus 3:3-7).

HERE’S HOW DAILY.. THE PRAYER CALENDAR has **Seven Focus Points**, one **each day** centered around specific Scriptures. **Each day’s** prayer focuses on one of **seven aspects** of **John 3:16**. **Each week** also highlights one of the **themes** from **John 3:16**. **Read** the Scripture each day—What is God **saying**? What should you be **praying**? Pray for your life, your family, and for those the Lord brings to mind. Ask God to guide you **this day**. **For example**, the Prayer Scripture for every Tuesday focuses on **Greatest Gift**, based on “**He gave...**” Tuesday, January 5, **focuses** on the **Indescribable Gift** of God. Apply and Pray. Share this with others. Remember, you can also **use** this **Calendar** as part of a **Family Devotion Time**. **Options** on how to use this Calendar: **Whole Church**, seeking the Lord together. **Prayer Partner**, praying with another believer. **Small Group** gathering each week. **Day of Prayer with Fasting Option**. For info and resources to help with these options go to www.flbaptist.org/Prayer.

