
Strengthening the Core
Pray Scripture

1. Review what it means for a person to be a house of prayer.

2. Read Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV).

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

3. Luke 4:16-21 confirms that Isaiah was writing about the ministry of Jesus.

4. Draw a square box around the infinitive verbs. An infinitive verb has the word "to" in front of it.
What strikes you as interesting as you think about these verbs?

5. What is the ultimate purpose of the recipients of the proclamations and comforting? (Isaiah 61:3)

6. How can we pray this passage?