

Greater Things — April-May 2012 Daily Spiritual Practices

Jesus longs to do **Greater Things** among us and through us than He did in His earthly ministry. To open our hearts to this promise, we want to do the following daily “spiritual practices” along with our daily Bible reading:

1. Say the **Lord’s Prayer**, asking God to bring His Kingdom to reality in our efforts as a church family and our own actions personally.
2. Say “**The Jesus Shema**” as a reminder of our primary allegiance to God and our commitment to love God and love others in His name.
3. Say **The Great Commission** to remind us of our mission
4. Memorize **The Greater Things Promise**:

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father” (John 14:12 NIV).

The Great Compass — The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV)

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

The Great Command — “The Jesus Shema” (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 22:37-40 NIV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! ... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Great Commission — Last Words, First Priority (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”