



## **Thistlebend in the Garden** **IN THE GARDEN WORKSHOP OVERVIEW**

Your prayer binder is intentionally designed to be fully customizable. Don't fret if you haven't done this before it may take you a while to think through what is best for you and your prayer time.

- The workshop is meant to help you work the best plan for you for the most efficient, effective and eternal results.
- Lists #1-#5 are for gathering the names of people, institutions, schools, churches, missionaries, and ministries that you want to pray for. You will be guided to fill out these lists as you pray through your prayer book.
- The five lists are not related to the five tabs in your binder. The lists are a **tool** to gather the names of the people and ministries in your life.
- During the upcoming workshops you will use lists #1-#5 to assign people, institutions, missionaries, ministries, etc. to whichever day you will plan to pray for them. The lists are a reference tool to help you see and determine which days you will pray for which people and sort them as you see fit.

### #1 Making a Plan for the Five Plastic Colored Tabs:

- The tabs are intended to help divide your binder into manageable daily sections.
- The tabs can be labeled in one of two ways:
  - Day One, Day Two, Day Three, Day Four, Day Five.
  - Days of the week Sunday/Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday/Saturday.
  - Tab One, Tab Two, Tab Three, Tab Four, Tab Five

### #2 Making a Plan for the Flower Divider Pages

- Each tab has a flower divider.
- The divider is designed to help organize your prayers for each day so you can see the people or groups you are praying for. List them on the divider.
- The lines on the divider pages are provided to note the names of the people or groups you are praying for in that section.
- Think through who/what you will pray for on each day/each tab.
- Suggestion ☺ you can use sticky notes on your divider pages until you make a final decision for who you and what you will pray for on those days in those sections! This is a work in process. Don't feel rushed or pressured to get it all done in a week.

### #3 Gathering Prayers and Scriptures

- **Highlight** or mark with a heart ♥ the Scriptures that you would like to pray for your family and friends as you pray through your prayer book, Bible study, or Bible reading.
- The lined paper in the back of your binder is provided to write your prayers for others and the Scriptures you would like to pray.
- When writing your prayers begin with your immediate family and close friends. Take it one day at a time. Each week continue to add for your friends, neighbors, lost, and missionaries and ministries. You might consider just writing a simple list of names as you begin setting up your divider sections until you have time to think through and write out all your prayers for them.
- Suggested Scriptures for your husband taken from the *Falling in Love Again with Your Husband* study are provided on the *In the Garden* Resource Page.
- Additional Scriptures and prayer examples for others are provided on the Resource Page for your reference as well.
- Please consider treating yourself to a special time of prayer with the Lord. Schedule a two-hour time block in a quiet corner in your home or at your favorite coffee shop. Take this time to write out the Scriptures and prayers you have been gathering.

### OTHER

- **Yearly Recap:** Around Thanksgiving or at the New Year take time to go through your journal and make a list of all the answered prayers
- **Keep a copy of the “Take It with You” prayer list for in your car or in your purse**
- **You may want to create an additional quick list of family members or friends that you want to lift up in prayer every day.**
- **Urgent Prayer List:** for the front of your binder to add time sensitive prayer requests

**Continue to add to your prayer journal as you do your quiet time each day. One step at a time you are building a legacy of prayer and faithfulness for you and your family for generations to come! To God be the glory!**