Luke 4:14-21

**14**Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **15**He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

**16**He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17**and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

**18**“*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me
 to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,* ***19****to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

**20**Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21**He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

* Thank you, Lord, for sending Jesus to fulfill what was prophesied about him for hundreds of years before he arrived. To see that You finish what you start and that You are faithful to Your promises helps me go about my daily business knowing that You are with me. Please help me remember that this week when I deal with…
* Father, when I think of Jesus not being appreciated for who he was, makes it easier for me to deal with those who try to keep me feeling “less than” what you made me to be. I know that I am not perfect, but Jesus was, and they still ridiculed and persecuted Him. Help me keep that in mind when I am feeling belittled or doubted. Keep my eyes on the big picture of what I am here to do.
* Your grace is bigger that I know what to do with at times. It is a blanket that covers over me. Thank you for that and show me how to show that same grace to my family, friends, co-workers and those that I randomly meet in life.
* Father, many across our country are going back to school this week after a year of worry and fear. Be with the students and their parents. Give them an abundance of peace and kindness as they will be doing this differently than in the past. Be with the teachers and administrators. Give them strength, peace and grace to deal with all of the fear and doubt that will be coming at them. Lord, help them all to work together to make this year a good one.
* Lord, I ask that you continue to be with Joe’s aunt and uncle as they continue to work through the loss of their son. Give them strength as they adjust to life without him.
* Be with Loren and Glenda Anderson, Dave Yeats and Hilary’s dad as they try to heal from their illnesses. Guide their doctors, nurses and caregivers to make the best decisions possible.
* Lord, be with us all as we strive to follow your instructions and be more like Christ in everything that we do.

It is in His name we pray. Amen