

The Home Builders

Week 5 – Prayer

“The word of God is the food by which prayer is nourished and made strong.”
E. M. Bounds

Praying God’s Word

“Are you beginning to get an idea of how serious studying and meditating on Scripture and renewing your mind are? This is not a matter of squeezing in that brief, daily devotional with a chapter of Bible reading and then thinking, ‘Okay, check. I’ve done that. No need to feel guilty now.’ This is the substance of life. Psalm 119:105 says that God’s Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Moses told the children of Israel that they were to take to heart every word he commanded them. For this word ‘is your life’ (Deuteronomy 32:47)...Over and over again we get a clear, biblical picture that God’s Word is a life-and-death matter. Like a sword in the hand of a soldier, it needs to become second nature” (*Spiritual Warfare 101*, Chip Ingram, p. 142).

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Suggestions for incorporating Scripture into your daily life:

Scripture Blessing Box
Framed Scriptures
Scripture Memory Cards
Prayer Notebook

Five Psalms a Day:

Start with the current day of the week. Add 30 and read the next Psalm. Do this for 5 Psalms. If you do this daily, you will read the Psalms in one month.
(Example – February 6 – Psalm 6, 36, 66, 96, 126)

“So basically what you are doing is taking words that originated in the heart and mind of God and circulating them through your heart and mind back to God. By this means his words become the wings of your prayers” (*Praying the Bible* by Donald Whitney, p. 32).

‘As for Me, this is My covenant with them,’ says the Lord: ‘My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,’ says the Lord, ‘from now and forever.’ (Isaiah 49:21)

The Model Prayer – (The Lord’s Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13)

Praise

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be your Name...

Psalm 96; Psalm 63:1-4

Desiring God’s Will - Surrender

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven... Psalm 37:1-7

Requests

Give us this day our daily bread...

Psalm 86

Confession

Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors... Psalm 51:1-12

Deliver us – Spiritual Warfare

And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil... Psalm 91

Praise

For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Psalm 145

Additional Resources:

Praying God’s Word by Beth Moore, *Praying the Bible* by Donald Whitney

Scriptures to Pray

Personal

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:19 NASB)

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? (Romans 8:32 NASB)

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11 NASB)

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5 NASB)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. (Psalms 32:8 NASB)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. (Proverbs 3:5-7, NKJV)

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. (Isaiah 26:3, NKJV)

Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. (Psalms 119:165, NKJV)

Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, ‘Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!’ And God granted him what he requested. (1 Chronicles 4:10)

Husband

For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield
(Psalm 5:12 NASB).

In the morning O Lord, you will hear _____'s voice; in the morning he will order his prayer to Thee and eagerly watch (based on Psalm 5:3).

I pray that _____ will be as shrewd as a serpent and as innocent as a dove (based on Matthew 10:16).

I pray that _____ will care for his family as David cared for Israel: "He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands." (Psalm 78:72 NLT)

I pray, Lord, that you will hear _____'s voice in accordance with Your love (based on Psalm 119:149 NIV).

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow _____ all the days of his life; and he will dwell in the house of the Lord forever (based on Psalm 23:6 NKJV).

May _____ prosper and be in good health even as his soul prospers (based on 3 John 2).

Guide _____ in using wisely all the resources you've given us, keeping an eternal perspective about possessions (Matthew 6:19–21; Luke 16:10–13).

Increase _____'s desire to teach and model godliness as a father, "that the next generation might know . . . and not forget the works of God" (Psalm 78:5–7).

Because you oppose the proud and give grace to the humble (James 4:6), instill a genuine sense of humility in _____'s heart (see also Isaiah 66:2).

Keep _____ sexually pure and honorable. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8; see also 1 Corinthians 6:18–20).

Give _____ friendships with godly men (Proverbs 27:17), that they would "stir up one another to love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24).

Let your favor rest upon _____, and "establish the work of [his] hands" (Psalm 90:17).

Children and Grandchildren

I pray that my children will love the Lord with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength (based on Mark 12:30).

I pray that my children will grow as Jesus did—"Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52 NASB)

I pray that my children will "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18 KJV)

I pray that my children will lean not on their own understanding, but in all their ways they will acknowledge You, and You will direct their paths (based on Proverbs 3:5–6).

I pray that my children will "honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king." (1 Peter 2:17 NASB)

I pray that my children will seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and the other things they need will be added to them (based on Matthew 6:33).

God, grant that my children will develop servants' hearts that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men (based on Ephesians 6:7).

Lord, teach my children to pray (based on Luke 11:1).

May their souls long for You as the deer pants for the water brooks (based on Psalm 42:1 NASB).

I pray that my children will be filled with joy because of You and will sing praises to Your name, O Most High (based on Psalm 9:2 NLT).

I pray You will show my children the way of life, granting them the joy of Your presence and the pleasures of living with You forever (based on Psalm 16:11).

I pray that all of my children will be taught of the Lord and that their well-being will be great (based on Isaiah 54:13).

Spiritual Warfare

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints... (Ephesians 6:10-18)

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ... (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

Church

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase. (Acts 9:31)

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:1-5)