

Prayer

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Welcome to a devotional session about Prayer! There is not enough room to fully cover prayer. Numerous books have been written on the topic. Our goal is to provide a teaching/study on prayer that is family oriented and can act as a catalyst for family discussions or personal Bible study.

To enhance the effectiveness of the teaching, we offer these five questions for each of the studies based on the Scripture, 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

2 Tim 3:16-17 *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (17) so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.* (NASU)

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Each devotional has a theme and is divided into 4 lessons from Scripture with some daily activities to follow the theme of the week. Below are the lessons for prayer:

Lesson 1. God Wants to Communicate With Us.

Lesson 2. Ideas on How to Pray

Lesson 3. The Lord's House is a House of Prayer

Lesson 4. Prayers Examples from Scripture

This devotional is also prepared so you may **print** the document and record your responses to the Scriptures. The words of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are far more important than any words that men speak.

Lesson 1. God Wants To Communicate With Us.

“The idea of prayer is not in order to get answers from God; prayer is the perfect and complete oneness with God.” Oswald Chambers.

From the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, God sought fellowship with mankind. He created us to commune with Him daily, continually. Mankind became separated from the Creator through disobedience (sin). God took the initiative to restore fellowship with Adam and Eve.

Throughout the Old Testament, we see God continually dealing with Israel and their sin. He chose to make a new covenant with man, through His Son, Jesus. In this new covenant, His Spirit walks with us continually.

Each of us is able and responsible to communicate directly with God. A great heresy is the belief that clergy have greater access to God because of their position. Speaking to all the Israelites, Jeremiah dictates God’s words to the people: Jeremiah 29:12-13 “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (13) You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” God didn’t just call the clergy to “come and pray to Me,” but the call to pray directly to/with God was given to every person. There is no greater privilege than to communicate at any time with the God of the universe!

The Lord chose Abram and renamed him, Abraham. He chose Abram to start a people who would have a relationship with Him and would share the joys of the divine relationship with all mankind. In our Scripture for today (Genesis 18:16-33), the Lord asks the question, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?”

Day 1-1. God spoke about Abraham. Please take time and read **Genesis 18: 16-33.**

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Day 1-2. God spoke to Israel through the prophet Amos. Please read **Amos 3:1-8**.

God did not and does not leave us wondering about what He is going to do! Even when we are not in the proper relationship, even when we are in sin, He still seeks to speak to us!

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Day 1-3. God spoke through the prophet Israel. Please read **Isaiah 59, focus on verse 16**.

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Day 1-4. Jesus taught the disciples how to pray. Please read **Matthew 6:5-15**.

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Day 1-5. Paul taught us the armor of God needed for prayer. Please read **Ephesians 6:10-20**.

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Lesson 2. Ideas on How to Pray.

"He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life." William Law

From our first lesson, we found that God desires to communicate with us! He has made the pathway, through Jesus, for you and me to have communion with Him. The disciples witnessed firsthand the power of prayer as they walked with Jesus. The disciples witnessed Jesus stealing away for prayer. They even asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

Day 2-1. Jesus taught the disciples the **simplicity** of prayer. Please read **Luke 11:1-5**.

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Day 2-2. Jesus taught us to pray **using** His name. Please read **John 14:10-15**.

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Day 2-3. Jesus taught us to pray **secretly** and **persistently**. Please read **Matthew 26:36-46**.

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Day 2-4. Paul instructed the Thessalonians to pray **without ceasing**. Please read **I Thessalonians 5:1-18**.

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Day 2-5. Prayer is the privilege of priests. Please read **I Peter 2:1-10**.

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Lesson 3. The Lord's House is a House of prayer.

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart." John Bunyan

God seeks people who will pray for others. When we pray for others, we can put our heart with the heart of God and see people as He sees them. This releases me from placing my "needs" above those of others. Additionally, God wants people who will pray for the salvation of others and for their relationship with God.

Day 3-1. God, Himself, called His house a house of prayer to intercede for all nations. Please read **Isaiah 56:6-8**.

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Day 3-2. Jesus quoted the Isaiah passage when He encountered misuse of the temple. Please read **Matthew 21:1-17**.

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Day 3-3. Jesus taught us to intercede for laborers for Kingdom work. Please read **Luke 10:1-11**.

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Day 3-4. Paul told the Colossians that he interceded for them. Please read **Colossians 1:9-15**.

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Day 3-5. God spoke to Isaiah about the proper purposes of fasting and prayer. Please read **Isaiah 58:1-12**.

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Lesson 4. Prayers Examples from Scripture

“Prayer is reaching out after the unseen; fasting is letting go of all that is seen and temporal. Fasting helps express, deepen, confirm the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God.” Andrew Murray

Scripture is full of prayers! There are many purposes, methods, motivations, and results of prayer from Genesis to Revelation! The prayers listed are not intended to say these are the best five or the worst five. They are simply five prayers from the Scriptures.

Day 4-1. Please read **Psalm 119:153-160.**

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Day 4-2. Please read the prayer of Jesus in **John 17:1-11**.

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