

Friday Continued...

- Pray for souls to be awakened to the good news of the Gospel.
- Pray for community organizations and churches to demonstrate the love of Christ while standing firm in the truth of His Word.
- Ask God to show you how you can best serve your community for His Name sake.

Saturday:

Pray for the World

- Praise God as the One who so loved the world that He gave His only Son to die for it.
- Praise God as the One who calls and equips people to serve Him in ministry fields around the world.
- Confess to God any racism or false assumptions you may have toward a certain people group.
- Confess to God any unloving spirit toward any group of people who make up this world.
- Thank God for those serving on the mission field, especially those from your church.
- Thank God for the many resources and avenues we now have to reach people with the love Christ and the good news of the Gospel.
- Ask God to give strength and wisdom to those serving on the mission field.
- Ask God for His provision emotionally and financially on behalf of those serving.
- Ask God to show you how you can best support or get involved in what He is doing around the world.

Sunday:

Pray for Your Church Leadership

- Praise God as the One who called and placed your church's leadership into their various roles.
- Confess to God any ungodly attitude or unforgiving spirit toward your church's leadership.
- Thank God for the things that He has accomplished through the church's leadership.
- Ask God to protect and sustain your church's elders.
- Ask God to speak through those who are faithfully teaching His Word.
- Ask God to give wisdom to those making decisions regarding people, policy, facilities, or finances.
- Ask God to grant unity among those serving so the church may be a testimony to the great Name of Jesus.
- Ask God to give the leadership great boldness in decisions and practices that honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer Guide

A Tool to Develop a
Meaningful Discipline of Prayer

Prayer is our most powerful expression of faith. It demonstrates our dependence upon God to accomplish His plan, but it also helps us to align our hearts with God's plan for our lives. God calls us to put actions to our faith, but the first action has to be prayer! As we align our hearts with God's will and acknowledge our need for God to work in us and through us to accomplish His will, we believe that appropriate actions will follow. Praying would seem to be something simple to do, yet most people do not engage regularly in prayer. Perhaps we are distracted or confused about what to pray for. This guide seeks to bring focus to your prayer life by setting out some intentional ways to pray each day. Each day has a particular focus, but start each day with the Lord's Prayer:

*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 also have
forgiven our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

-Matthew 6:9-13

Monday:

Pray for Your Own Spiritual Condition

- Praise God as the One who shows abundant mercy and grace through Jesus Christ.
- Praise God as the One who secures your salvation.
- Confess your sin before Him and ask Him to renew your mind in Christ.
- Thank God for His love for you!
- Thank God for providing for your needs.
- Ask Him for an undivided allegiance to Christ for the week.
- Ask Him to help you to love what is good and honoring to Christ and hate what evil.
- Ask Him to teach you about Himself through the Bible.
- Ask Him to produce in you love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Ask Him to help you to be more aware of opportunities to love and serve others in Jesus' name.

Tuesday:

Pray for Your Family

- Praise God as the One who is sovereign over all your relationships.
- Confess to Him your struggles regarding your family, and ask Him to align any misguided thoughts with what is honoring to Christ.
- Thank God for your family no matter what that may look like for you.
- Spend time thanking God for individual family members.
- Ask God to show you what it looks like to honor your parents.

- Ask God to help you unconditionally love and serve your spouse.
- Ask God to help you teach and guide your children to have an undivided allegiance to Christ and a deep love for Him.
- Ask God to help you impress upon your children God-honoring character traits.
- Ask God to help you to be a forgiving person toward your family.

Wednesday:

Pray for Your Church/Life Group

- Praise God as the One who is head over the church.
- Praise God as the One who designed and builds His church.
- Confess to Him any jealousy, pride, or other misguided thoughts and attitudes within the church.
- Confess to Him any bitter root that has come from an unforgiving heart.
- Thank God for the gifts that He has given you to serve the body of Christ.
- Thank God for what He is accomplishing through His church.
- Ask God to show you how to best serve others within the Body.
- Ask God for healing for those in the church who are hurting physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually.
- Ask God for the restoration of any broken relationships within the church.
- Ask God to strengthen God's people to serve His mission with passion and intentionality.
- Ask God to work through any upcoming events.
- Ask God for His intervention in the lives of those in your Life Group.
- Ask God to provide for His church through the generosity of His people.

Thursday:

Pray for Your Neighbors/ Co-Workers/Classmates

- Praise God as the One who sovereignly placed you in a particular neighborhood, place of employment, or school to be His ambassador.
- Praise God as the One who equips you with everything you need to be an advocate for His glory.
- Confess to Him any fears or passive attitudes toward those you live/work/go to school with.
- Confess to God any faithless thoughts about His ability to deliver a soul from sin, no matter how far away from God he or she seems to be.
- Thank God for placing you into your particular neighborhood, place of employment, or school.
- Ask God to give you courage to build deeper relationships with your neighbors/co-workers/classmates.
- Ask God to make you aware of how you can lovingly serve those that live, work, or go to school with.

Friday:

Pray for Your Community

- Praise God as the One who set you in the community in which you live.
- Praise God as the One who sets you apart to be His light in your community.
- Confess to God any apathetic attitudes toward the souls of those in your community.
- Thank God for the different ministries and local churches whose aim is to make Christ and His love known among the people in your community.
- Pray for the poor, hungry, and oppressed.