



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

Prayer

Prayer is a foundational practice of the Christian walk. This week, we will learn how to pray, what and who to pray for, and how God hears our prayers. Prayer all too often goes neglected in the Christian's life. Let this week be an encouragement to start or rekindle a healthy prayer life.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord 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. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

How to Pray

Read: Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus gives us the perfect example of how to pray in this passage. His example begins with giving glory to God. Jesus starts a prayer of praise by calling the Father "Holy." Jesus moves on to show submission to the Father. He does this by requesting that God's kingdom would come and be done amongst Him and His disciples. He requests God's will to be done. Jesus also requests this same thing when he's on the cross in Matthew 26:39, 42. The cry of our heart should match Jesus'- to see God's will be done and not our own. Third, Jesus requests for their earthly needs to be met through the giving of bread. This prayer reflects the needs of the people in Jesus' day, as the rural Galilean people were a poor people in need of food. We can take our real, earthly needs to Jesus. Fourth, Jesus shows us how to ask for forgiveness. His prayer for forgiveness is not for himself, because Jesus is sinless and is not in need of forgiveness. We, however, require forgiveness. Jesus gives us an example of how to seek forgiveness from God. Jesus finishes his example prayer with a petition for protection from evil and falling into temptation.

Follow Jesus' model of prayer. Below is an outline of Jesus' model prayer and how we can utilize the same format.

v9 - Glory given

v10 - Submission shown

v11 - Requests for needs

v12 - Seek Forgiveness

v13 - Petition for Protection

Discussion Questions:
Why do you think Jesus begins His prayer by giving glory to God and calling the Father "Holy"?

Pray

Practice a prayer using this outline.

Sing

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)
by Matt Maher

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IT'S YOURS)

Chorus:

Father, let Your Kingdom come
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

Verse:

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

Bridge:

It's Yours, it's Yours
All Yours, all Yours
The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours
It's Yours, it's Yours
All Yours, all Yours
Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours



TUESDAY

Prayer in Anxious Times

Philippians 4:6-7

Anxiety makes us act in ways we typically wouldn't act. When we are anxious about things, we go into fight, flight, freeze, or fawn mode. We might fight by acting without thinking. We might fly, meaning we run in a direction, any direction, without looking. That'll get us hurt! We could freeze up and thinking making no decision is the best decision. There's an old saying that goes, "The worst decision is indecision." We could fawn, meaning we play dead and pretend like there's nothing wrong at all. None of these choices are going to bring glory to God. This is why God calls us, through Paul's writing, to "be anxious for nothing," because no good comes from it.

Instead, we are told to pray and make our requests known to God. When we feel scared and intimidated, and we don't know what to do, we are commanded to not be anxious about our circumstances but to pray. We can bring our fears and regrets to God. He is big enough to handle it and compassionate enough to help you through it. Let us all bring the concerns of life to God, for He is good and compassionate to lovingly take care of us through the toughest times of life.

Verse 7 comforts us by telling us that it is "the peace of God" that is our reward for going to God in prayer in times of anxiousness. He does not promise to fix all our problems. What is promised is a peace that will surround us when we go to Him in prayer. This is that peace that surpasses understanding. This peace will wash over you in these times and it will be difficult to understand why you are able to think clearly and sleep soundly during times in life that should make you scatterbrained and sleepless. It is this peace that is our reward.

Discussion Question

Why is it sometimes easier to worry than to pray?

Pray

Thank Him for His wisdom that He gives and ask God to tame your rebellious heart.

Sing

Thank You, Lord

THANK YOU, LORD

Verse:

Thank you, Lord
for saving my soul.

Thank you, Lord
for making me whole.

Thank you, Lord
for giving to me:

Thy great salvation so rich and free



WEDNESDAY

Prayer When Joy Seems Far Off

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and James 1:2-5

As some of his final parting words to the church at Thessalonica, Paul encourages the believers there to rejoice always and pray without ceasing. There is a connection between joy and prayer that Paul makes here that we cannot miss. When Paul commands the believers to “rejoice always,” this is not a hint that we must try harder to rejoice. We mustn’t “believe better” or just pretend everything is okay when it’s not. To rejoice always is to pray always. This is why Paul follows the statement about rejoicing with “pray without ceasing.”

And when we pray, we are expected to give thanks in all of our circumstances. We’re not called only to give thanks when life is easy or when our circumstances are good. That’s the easy part, isn’t it? It’s easy to give thanks to God when life seems to be going our way. Paul, however, challenges that notion by expecting believers to give thanks in all circumstances, the good and the bad. Even when it’s hard, we give thanks! Pray like this: “Thank you, Lord, for letting me go through this difficult season in life, as it will produce a deeper faith and love for you. Thank you for providing peace to me amidst this difficult time.”

“What is the will God for my life?” This is a common question that has been asked by many people through the centuries. One need not look any further than 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to come to find what the will of God is. The will of God for your life is just as it says in the 2 verses prior. We are to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing. This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. There is no need to wonder any longer what the will of God is for your life. You are simply to rejoice always. But we need not muscle through rejoicing; we find our joy through praying always.

Discussion Question:
What does it look like, practically, to pray without ceasing in everyday life?

Pray

Thank God for something hard you have had to go through recently.

Sing
Lead me, Lord

LEAD ME, LORD

Verse:

Lead me Lord
Lead me in Your righteousness
Make Your way plain before my face

Chorus:

For it is You Lord
You Lord only
That makest me dwell in safety



THURSDAY

Prayer for Each Other

Gal. 6:2, 1 Tim. 2:1, & Matthew 5:44

Have you ever been sad and just needed someone to be sad with you? Being sad can feel lonely and isolating. We can feel like no one understands us or how we are feeling. Maybe you've experienced someone just sitting with you in your sadness, adopting your sadness as their own. This is what it can look like to bear one another's burdens as it says in Galatians 6:2. Try to be that person for someone else; sit with them in their sadness. Do not try to fix the problem, but just be there in the sorrow like Job's friends.

Another way to bear one another's burdens is to lift others up in prayer. Have a prayer journal where you can keep track of prayers for other people and when you pray each day, lift up your brothers and sisters in prayer. Everyone has trials and struggles in life; being there for each other in prayer is the most powerful way we can support one another in Christ. It is in this way we leave the problems, fears, and frustrations of life at the foot of the throne of God who hears our prayers (Ps. 34:17).

Discussion Questions:

When you see the differences between the two types of wisdom, what do you notice?

As we think about praying for others, it isn't just our friends and family we should pray for. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus commands and challenges us to pray for our enemies. I know this sounds hard. God, however, tells us that we should love and pray for people we disagree with and people we don't like. Doing selfless acts like this is what proves that we are to "be sons of your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:45).

Whether you like it or not, God loves your enemy, too. He wants to save them from their sins. Maybe you could pray for your enemy to be saved and turn to Jesus.

Pray

Pray for your friends and your enemies. Bear one another's burdens.

Sing

I Surrender All

I SURRENDER ALL

Verse 1:

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Verse 2:

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasure all forsaken
Take me Jesus, take me now

Verse 3:

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.



FRIDAY

God Hears Your Prayers

1 John 5:14-15 & Psalm 34:17

We end this week with a note of hope. We can know with confidence God hears our prayers. If we ask anything according to His will, God hears us. But what is a prayer according to His will? Just like we said on Wednesday, we can know our prayers are within the will of God if we are praying without ceasing. Another way we know what the will of God is if your prayers match what the Bible says. If you pray for someone to get saved by Jesus, God hears your prayers.

It is a great privilege to know that the God of the universe hears our prayers. When you're happy and praising God for the good news you just got, He hears your prayers. When you're scared and do not know what to do, He hears your prayers. When you're angry and you want to sin, He hears your prayers. After you've sinned and you come to Him in repentance, He hears your prayers.

Take your prayers to God, for He hears them. He wants to hear from you. He desires the closeness of a genuine relationship with you.

Read the following scriptures on how God hears our prayers and discuss what they mean.

Psalm 65:2

John 9:31

Jeremiah 33:3

Matthew 7:7-8

Psalm 145:18

Proverbs 15:29

Discussion Questions:

Which emotional state mentioned—joy, fear, anger, or repentance—do you find hardest to bring honestly to God? Why?

Pray

Pray that God would make Himself real to you.

Sing

Great is Thy Faithfulness

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1:

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Verse 2:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.



Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10



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Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am



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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

