

Weekly Prayer Plan – Seed Time and Harvest

How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

Time: _____

Place: _____

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS** Matt 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God’s goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS** Matt 6:11 “Give us today our daily bread.”

We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.

Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:

Meditational Verses

Monday: Mark 4:26-29

Tuesday: Luke 6:37-42

Wednesday: Galatians 6:7-9

Thursday: Genesis 8:1-22

Friday: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Saturday: Luke 8:4-15

Sunday: Genesis 26:1-25

Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

6. **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.

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You may have read one of the four gospels or one of Jesus' parables. He uses the analogy of sowing and seed and harvest time often. We need to remember this principal because it still governs our results today. If you want to become a great basketball player, you have to sow the seed of practice time. If you want to have a good marriage, you have to sow into your marriage, quality time with your spouse and resources that will help you get a good marriage. If you have to have a good productive day, you have to sow a good night's rest the night before. Seed time and harvest time will remain forever and this principal is operating in more ways than you think. Let's go into the bible to see what it says about seed time and harvest.

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." - Mark 4:26-29

This parable about the kingdom of God reveals that spiritual growth is a continual gradual process that is finally consummated in a harvest of spiritual maturity. We can understand the process of spiritual growth by comparing it to the slow but certain growth of a plant.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:7-9 NIV

It would certainly be a surprise if you planted corn and pumpkins came up. It's a natural law to reap what we sow. It's true in other areas too. If you gossip about your friends, you will lose the friendship. Every action has results. If you plant to please your own desires, you'll reap a crop of sorrow and evil. If you plant to please God, you'll reap joy and everlasting life.

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." - Luke 6:38

In context, this verse is talking about forgiveness. What we need to remember from this is, how we treat others will come back towards us in full measure. You reap what you sow, even in your relationships and how you deal with other people.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. - 2 Corinthians 9:10 ESV

The emphasis here is that God is both the source of what is planted and also the source of what is harvested. God gives us resources to use and invest for him. These resources should be cultivated in

order to produce a greater harvest. When we invest what God has given us in His work, he will provide us with even more to give to his service.

*“While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”” - **Luke 8:4-8 NIV***

The yield depended on the condition of the soil where the seed fell. It is our responsibility to spread the seed of God’s word, but we should not give up when some of our efforts fail. Remember that not every seed falls on good soil.

*“Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.” – **Genesis 26:12-13 NIV***

God kept his promise to bless Isaac. Because of this blessing, the seeds that Issac brought 100 fold harvest even though there was a famine in the land. I say this to say that you shouldn’t be discouraged because of the external circumstances. If God’s blessing is on you, then whatever seeds he directs you to plant will bring a harvest.

*“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” - **Genesis 8:22 ESV***

Just as sure as night will follow day, winter comes after summer, so to harvest will follow seedtime. Be careful of the seeds that you sow, to make sure that they are good seeds because you will see that harvest come back to you.