

Weekly Prayer Plan – Moving Forward Into a New Year

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: James 1:2-4

Tuesday: Philippians 3:12-21

Wednesday: Daniel 11

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2

Friday: Psalms 65

Saturday: Genesis 19

Sunday: Isaiah 43

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.

Bible Verses & Notes - Moving Forward Into a New Year

If you are listening to this you've made it to the end of 2020. It has been a rough year for most people with the ongoing pandemic, economic recession and all the lockdowns that have been implemented. Whatever you had to deal with, just know that God is still with you and you can look forward to a prosperous 2021 as it approaches. This episode should be encouraging as we go into the new year. Today we're talking about looking forward into 2021.

*Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. - **Philippians 3:13-14***

To become an excellent Christian and to fill your kingdom purpose, you must have a short memory and a clear direction. You've got to let go of your successes your failures and ways others have hurt you. The way to get over yesterday is to have a forward focus to press on. Look to the future and not the past.

*Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. - **Luke 9:62 ESV***

If you want to do great things for God in 2021 you have to get off the fence and make it happen. Follow Jesus as he directs you 100%.

*Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. - **Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV***

This section pictures a new exodus for a people once again oppressed, as the Israelites had been as slaves in Egypt before the exodus. They would cry to God and again he would hear and deliver them. A new exodus would take place through a new wilderness. The past miracles were nothing compared to what God would do for his people in the future. This is how we need to look at crossing into 2021.

*...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. - **Daniel 11:32b KJV***

As you go into 2021, your focus should be on getting closer to God to hear his direction and know his ways. As you do this you will see that God will be able to do mighty exploits through you this year. And through these exploits you will give glory to God.

*Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. - **Genesis 19:24-26 KJV***

This passage serves as a reminder to us not to become a prisoner of the past. Looking back will only slow you down and take your focus off of what God wants to do in your life in the future. Regardless of how bad 2020 was or who hurt you, look forward to what God wants to do through you in 2021.

*No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. - **2 Timothy 2:4 NIV***

As you go into 2021, start the year with precision focus on the things of God. If there is anything that you have done in the past that is counterproductive to God's kingdom, let it go. Don't be tied up in things of this world and watch how God will show up strong in your life for 2021.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. - **Jeremiah 29:11 ESV***

God always has good things in store for you. Regardless of the year God's love is always working in your favour. That is why you can pray this verse over yourself and your household everyday.

*You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. - **Psalms 65:11 NIV***

I'm praying this promise over my year and you can do the same. That God will crown the year with abundance and that we will have an overflow to be a blessing to the Kingdom of God and others who need it.

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character. - 1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Going into 2021, see if there are any people who you need to distance yourself from that we're bad influences in 2020. This will be critical in determining how much God can do through you in this new year.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. - James 1:2-4 NIV

If you had made it through tough times in 2020, I hope that you learned and matured through those circumstances. Being able to learn through tough times is what allows you to mature. Take time to reflect and see what you have learned through 2020. It's only when you mature that God can trust you with bigger and better things. Look forward to this in 2021.