

Weekly Prayer Plan – Pray For Your Enemies

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: Romans 12:17-21

Tuesday: Luke 23:1-43

Wednesday: 1 Peter 3:9

Thursday: Matthew 5:43-47

Friday: Proverbs 16:7

Saturday: Luke 6:27-36

Sunday: Proverbs 25:21-22

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 - Pray For Your Enemies

This is the reason I love doing this podcast. Most of these episodes come out of my life and situations that I am in or had to deal with. I have an enemy right now trying to get under my skin and holding me back. During one of my bible study groups a couple of people mentioned that I should pray for him and reminded me on why we need to pray for our enemies. So I started to study the Bible during my devotional time and this episode is what I was meditating on as I was praying for him. For you it could be your boss, your neighbour, a classmate or someone else. The bible gives us some insight on how we are to deal with our enemies and reminds us on what our behaviour should be. This will be a good one to let's get into it.

*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? - **Matthew 5:43-47***

To love your enemies is to reflect the character of your father in Heaven. By not retaliating Jesus keeps us from taking the law into our own hands. By praying for our enemies we can overcome evil with good.

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. - **Romans 12:14***

If Jesus forgave us when all our sins put him on the cross, then that should change the way we view our enemies.

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. - **Romans 12:17-21***

These verses summarize the core of Christian living. If we love someone the way the Christ loves us, we will be willing to forgive. If we experience God's Grace, we will want to pass it on to others. Keep in mind that Grace is undeserved favour. By giving an enemy a drink, we're not excusing his misdeeds, we are recognizing him, forgiving him, and loving him in spite of his sins just as Christ did for us.

*And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. - **Luke 23:34***

Jesus asked God to forgive the people who were putting him to death. Jewish leaders, Roman politicians and soldiers and God answered that prayer by opening up the way of salvation even to Jesus' murderers. The gospel is that God is gracious he will forgive us and give us new life through his son Jesus and we ought to extend his grace to others as well.

*Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. - **1 Peter 3:9***

In our fallen world it is often deemed acceptable by some people to tear others down verbally or to get back at them if we feel hurt. Rise above getting back at those who hurt you instead of reacting angrily to these people, pray for them.

*If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you. - **Proverbs 25:21-22***

Gods form of retaliation is most effective and yet difficult to do. In the Gospels Jesus encourages us to pray for those who hurt us. by returning good for evil we are we are acknowledging God as the balancer of all accounts and trust in him to be the judge.

*Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice, or the Lord will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from them. - **Proverbs 24:17-18***

David refused to gloat over the death of his longtime enemy Saul (and you can see 2 Samuel 1 for that). On the other hand the nation of Edom rejoice over Israels defeat and was punished by God for their attitude (and you can see Obadiah chapter 1:12 as reference that) To gloat over others misfortune is to make yourself the avenger and to put yourself in the place of God who alone is the real judge of all the earth.

*Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. - **Luke 6:28***

All of Christ's followers have different values from the world and are thus distinguishable from the rest of the world. All that we do should be with a view towards bringing detractors to the knowledge of God's love in Jesus Christ.

*When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. -
Proverbs 16:7*

When we align ourselves under gods program it leads to Blessings. Most of those blessings are reserved for eternity, but God can cause the most extraordinary things to happen in our favour when our ways please him. This can be used as encouragement to always do the right thing when facing your enemy.