

Weekly Prayer Plan – Serving Others

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: Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday: 1 Peter 4:10-11

Wednesday: Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday: John 13:1-17

Friday: Mark 9:33-37

Saturday: Proverbs 11:1-31

Sunday: Philippians 2:1-18

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 - Serving Others

One of the basic fundamentals of Christianity is our service towards others in need. If the love of God is in your heart as a believer you will feel compelled to serve others in some way, shape or form. For me I'm serving other with this podcast and in other ministries in my church. So this episode will show you the importance of serving others.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. - **1 Peter 4:10-11***

Some people believe that they have the right to use their abilities and gifts as they please. Others feel that they have no special talent at all. Peter addresses both groups in this verse. Everyone has some gifts find yours and use them. All our abilities should be used in serving others.

*Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - **Matthew 20:28***

Jesus came to this earth to serve. He is the ultimate example of service. He died so that we can have a relationship with God and that through him we might be saved. And in him we have everything we need to live a successful Christian life.

*When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. - **John 13:12-14***

This is another example of how Jesus came to serve. Jesus did not wash his disciples feet just to get them to be nice to each other. His greater goal was to extend his mission on earth after he was gone. These men were to move into the world serving God, serving each other, and serving all people whom they took the message of salvation to.

*And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. - **Mark 9:35***

Greatness comes by being a servant to others. Not by exulting yourself above others. You must believe that God will honour your servant hood in history and in eternity.

But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. - **Matthew 23:11-12**

There is to be no elitism in servanthood. When was the last time you served someone? Someone who couldn't do anything for you in return? That's what Jesus did. The eternal son of God became a servant to save those who couldn't save themselves. As a result God the father exalted him. And that's what Jesus promises his disciples here in this verse.

*Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' - **Matthew 25:37-40***

This parable describes acts of mercy we all can do every day. These acts do not depend on wealth, ability, or intelligence. They are simply and freely given and freely received. We have no excuse to neglect those who have deep needs and we cannot handover this responsibility to the church or government alone.

*One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. People curse the one who hoards grain, but they pray God's blessing on the one who is willing to sell. - **Proverbs 11:24-26 NIV***

Giving and serving others reveals who really comes first in our lives. When we use our money to give and serve others God promises blessings to be returned onto us. Receiving shouldn't be the motivation when serving or giving but your willingness to show the love of Christ to others should be your driving force.

*Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? - **James 2:15-16 NIV***

What James is saying here is that if someone has a physical need and you give them something spiritual, that is not the most appropriate way to meet their need. When we serve others we need to understand how we can meet the needs of others. If it is clothing or food that someone needs we should serve and give to them accordingly.

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. - **Philippians 2:4***

Paul encourages us to guard against any selfish prejudice or jealousy that might lead to dissension. Showing genuine interest in others is a positive step forward in maintaining unity among believers.

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. - **Galatians 6:9-10 NIV***

It is sometimes discouraging to continue to do right and not receive no word of thanks or see any tangible results. But Paul challenged the Galatians and he challenges us to keep on doing good and to trust God for the results. This is the mindset that we need to have when we are serving others because oftentimes what is done goes under the radar.