

Weekly Prayer Plan – Jesus Meeting the Requirement

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: Numbers 16:1-50

Tuesday: Joshua 7:1-26

Wednesday: Genesis 38:1-30

Thursday: Numbers 25:1-18

Friday: Genesis 19:1-29

Saturday: 2 Samuel 6:1-15

Sunday: Numbers 15:32-36

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 - Jesus Meeting the Requirement of the Old Testament for Us

We really need to remember the price that Jesus paid for us. Because of His sacrifice for us we don't need to come to God with animal sacrifices every time we fall short of his mark. Through reading the Bible I've seen that there are so many sins that should result in the death penalty. Like murder, adultery, etc. The penalty in the Old Testament for these sins was death. You might say those are really bad sins and the death penalty is probably justified. But I want to highlight some other sins and situations that when committed, the penalty was death. Some of these things that I'm talking about may seem excessive to think that they deserve death but according to Gods standard, he requires absolute holiness from his people and he can't go back on his word.

Thanks be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the fulfillment of ALL of these Old Testament laws. He who knew No Sin, became sin in order that we might become the righteousness of God, in Christ Jesus. To God be all the glory.

This episode will help you to gain a better appreciation for what Jesus has done for us so that we can have forgiveness from our sins through Him.

Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the Lord out of the heavens. Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. - Genesis 19:24-26 NIV

Most people have heard what happened in Sodom and Gomorrah. It was an extremely sinful place. Sodom had descended into such a den of sin that visitors of the city could not be left in public alone for a few hours without fear of being raped. Two points here:

1. The sin in Sodom and Gomorrah was so great that God sent angles to destroy it and the people who lived there. There are so many cities across this country that are so sinful that I believe that God if not for Jesus and his mercies would destroy again.
2. Lots wife disobey Gods order by looking back. She was turned into a pillar of salt. How many of us have looked back at our old life and wanted to go back or even did go back to old sinful behaviour? According this this, we would've turned into a pillar of salt like Lot's wife.

*“And fire came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense. The Lord said to Moses, “Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to remove the censers from the charred remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy— the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the Lord and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites.” - **Numbers 16:35-38 NIV***

The Israelites were told not to even touch the belongings of the wicked rebels. In this case, doing so would've shown sympathy toward their cause and agreement with their principles. Korah, Dathan and Abiram were directly challenging Moses and God. Moses clearly stated what God intended to do to the rebels. He did this so that everyone would have to choose between following Korah and Moses, who was God's chosen leader.

This passage shows the consequences we should face when we rebel against God. How many people you know today who are rebelling against him. If not for Jesus and the mercy of God they would've had to deal with the same fate.

*But Onan knew that the child would not be his; so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he spilled his semen on the ground to keep from providing offspring for his brother. What he did was wicked in the Lord's sight; so the Lord put him to death also. - **Genesis 38:9-10 NIV***

There was an Old Testament law about marrying in the family if your brother dies. It's purpose was to ensure that a childless widow would have a son who would receive her late husband's inheritance. God killed Onan because he failed to fulfill his obligation to his brother and Tamar. Though this specific practice is not done today, how many of us disregard our obligations in order to do what we like? In the Old Testament, that deserved death.

*While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate the sacrificial meal and bowed down before these gods. So Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them. The Lord said to Moses, “Take all the leaders of these people, kill them and expose them in broad daylight before the Lord, so that the Lord's fierce anger may turn away from Israel. - **Numbers 25:1-4 NIV***

Prostitution and sexual immorality was part of the Canaanite religion. At first the Israelites didn't think about worshipping idols, they were just interested in sex, but before long they started attending local feasts and celebrations that involved idol worship. The desire for fun and pleasure caused them to loosen their spiritual commitment. In these verses the Lord told Moses that these leaders in Israel that participated in sexual immorality should be killed. This type of immorality and idolatry is happening in the world today as well. They have relaxed their

moral standards to do whatever feel good. According to Gods law here, those people should be killed.

“Joshua said, “Why have you brought this trouble on us? The Lord will bring trouble on you today.” Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. - Joshua 7:25 NIV

Achan underestimate God and didn't take his commands seriously. It may have seemed a small thing to Achan but the effects of his sin were felt by the entire nation, especially his family. Like Achan, our actions affect more people than just ourselves. Can you imagine today if you sinned and did something that caused your entire family to be killed by God? Thank God for mercy, Gods loving kindness and patience towards us.

While the Israelites were in the wilderness, a man was found gathering wood on the Sabbath day. Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron and the whole assembly, and they kept him in custody, because it was not clear what should be done to him. Then the Lord said to Moses, “The man must die. The whole assembly must stone him outside the camp.” So the assembly took him outside the camp and stoned him to death, as the Lord commanded Moses. - Numbers 15:32-36 NIV

There was no room for misinterpreting Gods holy requirements of the Sabbath. In this passage a man went outside to gather some wood. This was a violation of the Sabbath because it was considered as work. God spoke to Moses and said that this man should be stoned. This speaks to how irreverent we are towards God today. We don't take time to worship and fellowship with him. The law said that we should've been stoned like this man for doing any work or breaking any of the requirements of the Sabbath. But Jesus came as the fulfillment of the law so that we don't have to pay that price for that sin. Even though we don't have to suffer his consequence today, we should still attempt to keep one day as our day of worship devoted to God.

When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. - 2 Samuel 6:6-7 NIV

This seems noble and the right thing for Uzzah to do. But God's commands and the consequences have to be carried out as he said because God cannot lie or go back on his word. Even though by the outside, it looked as Uzzah had the right motive, he still touched the Ark of the Covenant (which represented Gods holy presence) and this could only be done by the Levites. The result of his act was death instantly. Can you imagine if someone disobeyed God

today and instantly died? If not for Gods mercy and Jesus meeting the Holy requirements for us, there would be a lot less people on the earth.