

Weekly Prayer Plan – Waiting for Answered Prayers

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 6:7-8

Tuesday: Matthew 6:19-24

Wednesday: Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Timothy 6:6-9

Friday: Matthew 7:7-12

Saturday: Psalm 66:16-20

Sunday: Psalms 37:1-7

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 - Waiting for Answered Prayers

We all have things that we are praying to God for. Some of those things are needs. Some of those things are wants. But what happens most of the time is that the answer to those prayers are not seen right away. Some of you may be praying for a new vehicle, house, new job or spouse and maybe you've been have waiting for a while. There are others who are praying for more serious things like healing and food to eat and every day have to rely on God to just make it through that day. Wherever on the spectrum of need vs want your prayer request is on, we have to look at a few verses and check our hearts to see if we are the ones that are blocking the answers to our prayers. Like it says in Psalms 139, we are going to search our own hearts in this episode to see if there are any wicked ways found in us and repent and change by the end. Let's jump in.

*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - **Matthew 6:19-21***

Think about that thing that you are praying and believing God for? Honestly ask yourself if there is a possibility to "treasure" that thing? The thing about this is if you treasure it, it's at have the potential to turn into an idol and God doesn't want that for you.

*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. - **Matthew 6:24***

Having money is not a problem. The danger is when money has us and it becomes more important to us than God. The principle is not to allow a thing to take our devotion from God. Whatever you are asking God for, search your heart and check to see if it has the potential to take your devotion away from God. God must have our devotion if we are to receive the answer to our prayers.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those

who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. - 1 Timothy 6:6-9

Contentment is being at ease where you are and being thankful for what you have. It doesn't mean complacency, you can still strive to do more. But you are at peace if you don't get anything else. Consider what you are asking God for now and ask yourself are you content?? Are you at ease and thankful for what you have?? Give yourself an honest answer.

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. - Matthew 6:7-8

God knows what you need before you ask him. So why do we still need to ask in prayer? Because God wants your fellowship. God wants to be in a close relationship with us. He wants us to come to him and depend on him to meet our every need. Are you having quality devotional time with God? Or are you just spending just enough time in prayer to ask for what you want and that's it? Consider your ways!!

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. - Matthew 7:7-8

Jesus tells us to persist in perusing God. People often give up after a few halfhearted efforts and conclude that God cannot be found. But knowing God takes faith, focus, and follow through. And Jesus assures us that we will be rewarded. Don't give up in your efforts to seek after God. Sometimes God allows needs in our life because it causes us to rely on and have a closer relationship with him.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. - Psalms 37:4

This verse speaks to delighting your self in Gods presence. Are you genuinely happy when you are having devotional time with God. Are you full of excitement and joy when you enter his house on a Sunday? Do you open His word with anticipation for what new insight you can receive through his Holy Spirit? When you delight yourself in the Lord, he will give you the desires of your heart.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. - Mark 6:4-6

The battle that you are fighting is against your faith. That is why the devil will try to get you to doubt Gods ability to meet your need. When you faith in God is in question, this could be a reason for the answer to your prayer to be delayed. This is also the reason why this podcast exist. To encourage your faith so that God can do miracles on your life.

*If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; - **Psalm 66:18***

Is there some habitual sin that you have not repented from? This will clearly prevent God from answering your prayers. Deal with the sin in your life first by repenting and turning away from it and then bring your prayer request to God. God would want you to be holy more than just getting the answer to your prayer.