

## Weekly Prayer Plan – Doing Your Best

### 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: Colossians 3:23-24

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 2:15

Wednesday: Proverbs 14:23

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Friday: Proverbs 10:4-5

Saturday: Proverbs 14:23

Sunday: Ephesians 2:10

**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 - Doing Your Best

Regardless of whatever task we set out to do, it does no good if we just give 50% effort. We have to try our best to accomplish the goals that we want to accomplish. So today I'm going to share some Bible verses that will encourage us to give our best effort.

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. - **Colossians 3:23-24***

Since our steps are ordered by God, it's not by chance that we are working in a specific place. We are placed there by God for his purposes. Because of this, we should do the best that we can for His name sake and for His glory. The people who we are working for will benefit from our excellent work and will give God glory. Daniel is an example of this.

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. - **2 Timothy 2:15***

As believers we should ensure that we are doing our best to know the word of God for ourselves. We have to be ready to explain why we believe to anyone who asks us. This involves consistent study and devotion.

*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. - **1 Corinthians 9:24-25***

When anyone starts a race, Olympic race, Formula 1 race or any type of race. Nobody starts out thinking they don't want to finish in first place. In order to win the race they have to practice and try their best. Likewise, as we do anything in life, we need to treat it like a race that we want to finish first in. We need to prepare and try out best in order to get the top prize. This is one way to apply this verse into doing your best.

*The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied. - **Proverbs 13:4***

If you are lazy and slothful then you shouldn't expect to get the best out of your efforts. It's better to be diligent and try your best in order to get the best possible reward out of the time and energy that you're putting toward something.

*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going. - Ecclesiastes 9:10*

The time is now to try your best to try to get the best possible results. We don't know what tomorrow will hold. We don't know when Jesus will call us home. So whatever you do, give it your best effort.

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. - Proverbs 16:3*

One thing that we must do if want to give our best effort os to commit what we are doing to God. If we don't invite God into the work that we are doing that we will be on our own which may become frustrating. Invite God into the process and allow his supernatural power help you to be successful.

*A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame. - Proverbs 10:4-5*

Everyday has 24 hours filled with opportunities to grow, serve and be productive, yet it's easy for people to waste time and let life slip through your fingers. Especially with social media! Refuse the urge to be lazy and be productive during the hours of the day that are meant for productive work. Time is Gods give to us every day and what we do with that time is our gift back to him.

*In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty. - Proverbs 14:23*

We may all recognize this person in our lives. The one who always talks about what they are going to do but never actually put a solid plan or take any action towards doing it.

*But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. - Galatians 6:4*

The motivation for you to do your best should be to glorify God. When you do you best you can feel good about the results. Trying to be better than the next person should not be your motivational. There is no need to compare your work to the work of others.

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10*

God created us for to do good works. What good is it if we don't try our best at whatever we do. Where ever God has placed us, we should remember to give our best effort not only so we can get the job done right but so we can give him glory through our excellent work. Whether we like it or not, people are watching us and looking at the results of our work.