

## DAILY READING: JESUS' PRINCIPLES FOR PRAYER

This week's study is different; there is no daily affirmation reading, rather we are putting prayer into practice through the model Jesus gave us in Matthew 6:9-13 (Page 737). Spend the time you would normally spend on the readings in prayer.

**DAY 1:** Read and study Matthew 6:9 (Page 737).

The principle Jesus gave us for prayer is that we should begin our prayer time with praise and thanksgiving. There are 8 names for God stating who He is for us. As you read through the names, pray and thank Him for being each of these.

**"God is Present with me"** (Ezekiel 48:35) - We are never alone!

**"God is my Shepherd"** (Psalm 23:1) - He leads me and protects me!

**"God is my Provider"** (Genesis 22:14) - He knows what I need!

**"God is my Healer"** (Exodus 15:26) - He can heal my body, emotions, and relationships!

**"God is my Righteousness"** (Jeremiah 23:6) - He forgives me!

**"God is my Sanctification"** (Leviticus 20:8) - He makes me holy!

**"God is my Peace"** (Judges 6:24) - He gives me peace in all situations!

**"God is my Banner"** (Exodus 17:15) - He is my victory in conflict!

**DAY 2:** Read and study Matthew 6:10 (Page 737). The principle here is praying for God's plan to be done in your life and in those around you. As you spend time in prayer today, begin with the first day's principle and add praying for God's will. Pray for God's will to be done: in your family, church, ministry, school, job, future, city, the nation, and in the world.

**DAY 3:** Read and study Matthew 6:11 (Page 737). The principle here is asking God to provide what you need. As you spend time in prayer today, begin with principles one and two and add praying for God's provision. Pray about all your needs.

**DAY 4:** Read and study Matthew 6:12 (Page 737). The principle here is praying for forgiveness: forgiveness for our sins and forgiving others as they sin against us. As you spend time in prayer today, begin with principles one through three, and add forgiveness to your prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin you may have in your heart or have committed. Pray for others, that God would help you set your heart and mind to forgive them immediately when they sin against you.

**DAY 5:** Read and study Matthew 6:13 (Page 737). The principle here is to pray for God's protection. Believers face spiritual battles every day. Satan wants to defeat you through temptation and fear. As you spend time in prayer today, begin with the principles one through four, and add praying for God's protection to your prayer. Pray this for yourself, those you love and those around you.

**DAY 6:** Pray through the principles Jesus gave us for prayer each day!

**DAY 7:** Pray through the principles Jesus gave us for prayer each day! Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the Life

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for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

### MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 6:9-13

"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."

Matthew 6:9-13

### LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?