

DAILY READING: PRAY

I will always pray and never give up. Today I have the privilege of having an audience with God. When I quiet my mind and turn to God, He hears me. The God of the universe hears me!

There is no situation that is too difficult to pray about. There is nothing in my life so trivial that I cannot talk to God about it. I will pray about everything and will not worry about anything. Today I will take all the energy I would use to worry and invest it in prayer. I will tell God what I need and thank Him for all He's done in my life. As I do, His peace will displace all worries and concerns and guard my heart and mind.

In the same way Jesus made prayer a high-priority in His life, I'm choosing to make prayer a high priority in mine. Every day of my life, I will learn how to pray better because I want to learn how to communicate better with God. I know He will give me His guidance through prayer. His guidance will help me to navigate the decisions I must make today and encourage me through trials.

My desire is to align my prayers with His will. As I pray and present my needs and requests to Him, I will not demand what I want; rather I will communicate with Him about what He wants. I know His answer, be it yes, no or wait, always includes "my grace is sufficient." I will pray that I may experience His love and boldly share His love. I will pray for those who have hurt me and cross my path today. I will pray with joy. I will always pray and never give up.

God's purpose and plans in my life are advanced through prayer. I will pray for God to keep me strong when I am tempted, to forgive all my sins and give me strength and courage to forgive others when they offend me. I will always pray and never give up.

ACTIVITY:

What does prayer make you think about? Do you think it is an ongoing mental conversation between you and God or a set time in a quiet place? Or is it both? Try setting a time this week for prayer.

DAILY STUDY: PRAY

DAY 1: Jesus Tells Us How - Matthew 6:5-15 (Page 737); Luke 11:1-13 (Page 793)

DAY 2: Turn to God in Prayer - Romans 8:26-27 (Page 862); 2 Chronicles 6:37-40 (Page 337)

DAY 3: Make Known Our Needs - James 4:2-3 (Page 932); Psalm 69:13 (Page 444); Psalm 5:3 (Page 416)

DAY 4: Humility and Prayer - James 5:15-16 (Page 932); 2 Chronicles 7:12-14 (Page 338)

DAY 5: Worry and Prayer - Philippians 4:6-7 (Page 901); Psalm 34:4 (Page 428)

DAY 6: Wisdom and Knowledge - Colossians 1:9 (Page 902); Proverbs 2:6 (Page 482); Isaiah 62:1-2 (Page 565)

DAY 7: Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE:

Philippians 4:6
"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done."
Philippians 4:6

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?