

## **Praying God's Word**

Many times we know we need to pray and we don't know what words to say or don't know how to start. One way to pray is to pray with scripture. God has provided His Word for reading, studying and praying. As you read scripture using proper biblical interpretation and principles, and in proper context, and pray according to God's will and with the leading of the Holy Spirit, your prayer life will grow and become more personal and more exciting. Here are a few examples of how to pray with God's Word.

### **Prayers for yourself**

#### **Passage:**

*O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. (NIV) Psalm 63:1-3*

#### **Prayer:**

Father, You are my God. I want to echo what the psalmist is saying, I want seek after You. I want You to give me the desire to know You better. I have experienced Your presence in my life, I have experienced Your power, I want to have everything that I do today to bring honor and glory to Your name and reputation. For I know that the love that You have extended to me is better than life itself! Let my words glorify you.

#### **Passage:**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (NIV) Ephesians 4:29*

#### **Prayer:**

Father, do not allow any type of unwholesome talk or words to come out of my mouth today. Instead, have all my words be helpful to build others up according to their needs, rather than tear them down . . and may everything that I say today benefit everyone who hears.

### **Prayers for Others**

#### **Passage:**

*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV) 2 Pet 1:5-8*

**Prayer:**

Father, have my children make every effort to add to their faith. . . add goodness and knowledge to their faith. . . add self-control and perseverance to their faith. . . and add godliness, kindness, and love in increasing measure so that they are effective and productive in their life for You.

**Passage:**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. (NIV) 2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

**Prayer:**

Father, I know that You are the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. Please comfort my friend in all her troubles and suffering. Calm her heart and soothe her soul. Make Your comfort so real in her life that she knows that it is coming from You. . . and in turn will be equipped to comfort others who are going through similar troubles. Your Word says that just as the suffering of Christ flows into our lives, His comfort overflows in us also.

**Prayers for the Kingdom****Passage:**

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one . Matt. 6.9-13*

**Prayer:**

Father, I am grateful I can call you Father. Thank you for giving me the privilege of being your child because what Jesus did for me. I praise you for who you are and you are to be honored all over the earth. I want your kingdom to come. I look forward to the day when your kingdom will be established here on earth and your people will be reigning with you. Thank you for providing my needs, for forgiving me for my sins as well as encouraging me to forgive others. Please keep me from temptation and protect me from Satan. I put my trust and faith in you.

**Passage:**

Isaiah 37:16

*16 "O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.*

**Prayer:**

You O Lord are great and Lord of the heavens. You are God and never let me forget that You alone are God Almighty. You reign in heaven and earth and I worship you.