

Praying God's Word

Part 1

The Bible is not meant just to be read through; it is also meant to be prayed through. There is no limit to your prayer life and prayer times when you allow the Scripture to guide you in your personal prayer time.

Our goal is to grow in our relationship with God.

Any relationship has two-way communication.

God's Word is God's Voice.
Prayer is our response to God's voice.

How to pray the Bible

Read a selected portion of Scripture.

01

It can be one verse, a few verses, or an entire chapter. Read it to yourself or read it out loud, or both. Read it in multiple translations or paraphrases if you want to add to it.

Write down or underline how the Scripture reveals God's character.

02

That is what we PRAISE GOD or THANK GOD for. All prayer time should begin with a time of thanksgiving and prayer. Scripture reveals the character of God or the names of God. As you read the Bible, look for ways that God has revealed Himself or in ways we can be thankful to Him.

Write down or underline things you can ask God for or intercede for.

03

Scripture always reveals the WILL OF GOD or what God wants to do. 1 John 5:14 says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, He hears us." When we pray what the Scripture says, we pray the WILL OF GOD and can pray with great boldness and faith. As you read, you can pray, God, what are you are asking me to do or how I should pray.

Let's put it into practice

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Read Psalm 1

2

Praise and Thank God for:

- He is the Great Blessor – the One who is our source of blessing
- His Word – God's revelation of Himself
- He is the great Fruit giver – the source of all good things in our lives (v.3)
- He gives strength and endurance no matter what comes (v.3)
- The promise of success for those who love and obey His word (v.3)
- For watching over us and protecting us (v.6)

3

Ask God to:

- Give us discernment in recognizing bad advice. “counsel of the ungodly.” (v.1)
- Give us the courage to walk away from bad associations. “standing in the way of sinners.” (v.1)
- Keep us from the “seat of mockers” – scorning anything holy, leading to bad actions. (v.1)
- Help us delight ourselves in the Law of God (v.2)
- Give us a new desire and hunger to know and learn and read God’s Word
- Change our appetite to want good things
- Make us strong in the Lord through His Word
- Help me be a lifelong disciple of Jesus who consistently engages with God’s Word.
- Make my kids strong in the Word of God
- Prosper us – our families, relationships, health, church, ministries, gifts, blessings, finances. (v.3)
- Watch over us (v.6). Give us victory over the spirit of deception in the last days by knowing the truths of God’s Word.

What is your one takeaway from this session?