

Day 1

July 13



Pray | For clarity in your understanding of scripture

PRAYER INSPIRED by scripture can be greatly beneficial. This idea can sometimes be referred to as Biblically inspired prayer, prayer based on scripture, praying scripture, or scripturally-inspired prayer. God's people, including Jesus, prayed inspired by scripture all throughout the Bible.

Praying scripture just for the sake of quoting or paraphrasing scripture does not make a lot of sense without applying context to it. The scripture you are praying should have contextual relativity to what you are praying for.



Read | [Nehemiah 9:17-18](#), [Exodus 34:6](#)



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:

In today's scripture verses, the Israelites under Nehemiah's leadership were praying for forgiveness for their sins. They augmented their prayer with a direct reference to Exodus 34:6. Have you ever applied scripture to your prayers in this way? What influence did it have on the effectiveness of your prayer?

How has praying scripture helped you in the past when you have been stuck in prayer, had "prayer's block," or did not know what exactly to say? If you have never used scripture in your prayer or are unsure of how to do so, now would be a great time to read Matthew 6:5-14. How might these verses inspire you to use scripture in your prayer?

Praying scripture might also give us clues about the character of God and how to respond to him. What do today's scripture verses reveal to you about the type of relationship God wants to have with you? How will you respond to God's will for your relationship with him?



Pray | For the World

Pray for our Ministry Partners in Haiti: That effective partnerships would increase in number to increasingly and effectively transition responsibility for and opportunity for ministry, training, and economic development to the Haitian people. Please pray for students at the orphanage and schools – that they will become strong disciples, encouraged by ongoing relationships with believers who truly love them. Please also pray for job opportunities for the students who graduate from the schools.

Day 2

July 14



Pray | Tell God you want to glorify him

INCLUDING SCRIPTURE in your prayers is one of many ways in which we can glorify God the Father.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

It’s hard to go wrong with using God-breathed words in your prayer.



Read | Luke 1:46-55, 1 Samuel 2:1-10



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:

Scripturally-inspired prayer is useful because it can be tailored to exactly how we are trying to glorify God. How do today’s scripture verses exemplify this? Spend time in prayer today and glorify God in a scripturally-inspired manner.

Mary based her song on Hannah’s prayer, but did not directly quote it. How might this show Mary’s faithfulness in how God was trying to work through her? How might you be able to glorify God when you recognize that he is working through you?

What does it mean to you to have God “work through you?” Reflect on the ways in which you believe God works through you the most. How do these ways glorify God?

Day 3

July 15



Pray | Invite the words of Jesus into your prayer life

JESUS OFTEN used scripture from the Old Testament in his prayers and teachings.

When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness in Luke 4:1-13, Jesus relied on Old Testament scripture to prayerfully rebuke Satan's temptations.

Praying scripture is something we can do that Jesus also did. Jesus prayed and quoted scripture a lot. The YouVersion Bible App (youversion.com) provides great resources and reading plans based on this topic.



Read | [Matthew 27:46](#), [Psalms 22:1](#)



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:

The perfect harmony between the Old Testament and New Testament is repeatedly demonstrated by Jesus throughout his ministry. His teachings were often based on and quoted from Old Testament scripture. What's one step you can take today to make praying inspired by scripture a regular part of your life?

If you have not yet taken the step in your faith journey of asking Jesus to be your personal savior, will you do so today? Know that God's grace and Jesus' sacrifice serves to forgive all of humankind for our sins, so we can dwell with God in his eternal kingdom. There is no greater gift than the peace of knowing your salvation is assured and you have Jesus by your side in every moment of every day. He is your guide and protector, your confidant and your adviser.

Day 4
July 16



Pray | Give thanks to God for his word, The Bible

WHEN YOU are intentional about praying scripture, you will, in turn, be intentional about seeking and reading scripture.

Reading scripture often can help in understanding where you wish to apply it in your prayers. This does not mean you have to be an expert theologian or Bible teacher. It is never too late in your life to read scripture or to let scripture inspire your prayers.



Read | Acts 4:24-26, Psalm 2:1-2



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one the following prompts:

Peter and John prayed the way they did in Acts 4 because their faith was being attacked. Without knowledge of the Old Testament scriptures, their prayer might have looked a lot different. Are there any scriptures you pray when you feel your faith is being attacked? Where do you feel your faith is most under attack right now?

It is believed that David wrote Psalms 2. The context he was using could have been that he was under personal attack by someone who was trying to unseat him as king. Peter and John used Psalms 2 to defend their faith against spiritual attack. What are some different contexts in your life that you can pray and apply Psalms 2 without changing its meaning?

What are some portions of scripture that you rely on the most when praying? How do these portions of scripture help you in your daily life?

Day 5

July 17



Pray | Ask God to focus your prayers on what is most important

ALLOWING SCRIPTURE to speak into your prayer can help shed a light on what might be most important.

It's common to pray for issues of concern with sickness, anxiety, money, or decision-making. But first we need to focus on Jesus during our prayers and praying scripture may help us do that.

Prayer inspired by scripture can be a great tool in bring us closer to Jesus.



Read | Romans 15:12, Isaiah 11:10



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on the following prompts:

Jesus Christ is the most important aspect of the Bible. Every single thing people such as Moses, Joshua, Rahab, King David, Samson, Peter, John, or Paul ever did was to accomplish God's mission of bringing his people to Jesus Christ. Praying scripture helps us to praise God, to ask for forgiveness, and to see the continuous thread of redemption offered in Jesus Christ.

Reflect on what you focus on most when you pray. How might praying scripture like in today's verses help you focus your prayers and energy on Jesus? Jesus may not make everything about your life more comfortable, but he makes everything right!

Spend time over the next few days praying scripture and journal what effect it has on your prayer life and on your overall faith journey. Then, challenge yourself to share what you recorded with someone you know who may not be close to God.

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