



**PRAY
FIRST**

Prayer Guide

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PRAY FIRST

Understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough. In order for it to become a part of our life, it needs to become something we look forward to doing. I'm convinced most people don't enjoy prayer because they have never been taught how to pray. That's where this simple prayer journal can help. Using several prayer models out of the Bible and having some guides to make prayer more personal, this booklet is designed to bring joy into your time with God. When you discover the beauty of daily conversation with Him, you'll experience the presence of God that will change your life.

Once you learn how to pray, prayer can become a part of everyday life. And then...

Before the day begins—
Before you go to bed—
Before you go to work or school—
Before you send that text—
Before you eat, drive or travel—
When bad things happen—
Before bad things happen—
In every situation—PRAY FIRST!

Prayer changes everything!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim', with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Pastor Tim Dunn



**LIFESTYLE
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LIFESTYLE PRAYER

How do we make prayer a part of our everyday life? We can learn from three things that Jesus did...

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went o to a solitary place, where he prayed (Mark 1:35).

A CERTAIN TIME

Jesus got up very early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father. In order for prayer to work, we should do the same. Make a daily appointment with God and keep it.

A CERTAIN PLACE

Jesus had a prayer place. Your prayer **place** needs to be an undistracted environment where you can pray out loud and perhaps have some worship music playing in the background.

A CERTAIN PLAN

Go into your prayer time with a plan. If it changes that's fine. When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He gave His disciples a prayer outline. We call it the Lord's Prayer. This outline along with several other tools are available in this booklet.



**THE LORD'S
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1)

"Pray then like this: "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, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (Matthew 6:9-13)

"Our Father in heaven..."

1. CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15)

God loves for us to call Him our Father. Establish your intimate relationship with Him and thank Him for the relationship you have with Him.

"...Hallowed be Your Name..."

2. WORSHIP HIS NAME

*"The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe." (Proverbs 18:10)*

What are His Names?

Righteousness – He makes me clean

Sanctifier – He has called me and set me apart
Healer – He heals all my diseases

Banner of Victory – He has defeated my enemy
Shepherd – He speaks to me and leads me

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Peace – He is my peace in every storm

Provider – He supplies all of my needs

“...Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”

3. PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST

"Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you." (Luke 12:31)

God's priorities:

Saving the Lost

Guiding those in authority – parental, spiritual, governmental, workplace

His will in us

“...Give us this day our daily bread...”

4. DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."
(Psalms 121:1-2)

Ask God for what you want and need and then trust Him for the answer.

“...Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”

5. GET YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Ask God to check your heart and motives. Receive His forgiveness for any area that He brings to mind.

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Forgive anyone who has offended you in any way. You can even forgive people in advance.

“...And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one...”

6. ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."(Ephesians 6:12)

Take your stand against the enemy and fight the good fight of faith. Every lie that the enemy has told you should be replaced with the truth of God's Word.

“...For yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever.”

7. EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S ABILITY

"Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you." (Jeremiah 32:17)

End your prayer time by reminding yourself of God's ability. Return to praise and make your faith declarations.

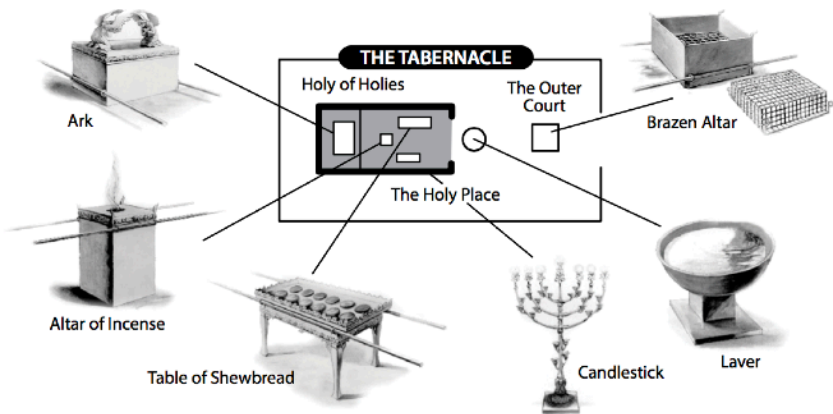
"Yours is the Kingdom" – all rule belongs to You

"Yours is the Power" – all mightiness flows from You "

"Yours is the Glory" – Your victory shall be complete



**TABERNACLE
PRAYER**



TABERNACLE PRAYER

The Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God where He met His people. As they entered the Tabernacle, they passed through seven stations as a protocol to God's presence. Today, these same steps can help us to connect with God and lead us through important elements of prayer.

1. THE OUTER COURT – THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!" (Psalms 100:4)*

As the people of God entered the Tabernacle, they came in with thanksgiving on their lips. Thanking God for all the blessings in your life is a great way to begin. Every day, think of a fresh reason why you love and appreciate God.

2. THE BRAZEN ALTAR – THE CROSS OF JESUS

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalms 103:2-5)

In the Old Testament, everyone who had committed sin had to bring animal sacrifices. Jesus paid for all your sins once and for all. You simply need to receive the benefits of what Jesus did for you.

Salvation – God forgives all my sin

Healing – God heals all my diseases

Redemption – God rescues me from every attack

Transformation – God puts His love in me

Provision – God provides everything I need

3. THE LAVER – CLEANSING AND PREPARING

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

The next step in the Tabernacle was a bowl of water where people could wash. Checking your hearts and motives and then surrendering your life to God is an important part of daily prayer. Here are some ways to keep your heart right with God.

Repent from any known sin.

Offer your body to God.

Your tongue – to speak good and not evil

Your eyes – to see God and the needs of others

Your ears – to be sensitive to His voice

Your hands – to do good to others

Your feet – to walk in God's ways

Offer your mind to God (Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:2).

Ask God to give you the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

4. THE CANDLESTICK – THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD." (Isaiah 11:2)

The next piece of furniture in the Tabernacle was a seven- branched golden candlestick. The re represents the Holy Spirit. Every day you should invite the presence of the Holy Spirit into your life.

The Spirit of the Lord

The Spirit of Wisdom

The Spirit of Understanding The Spirit of Counsel

The Spirit of Might

The Spirit of Knowledge The Fear of the Lord

You should also ask God to give you spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-10).

5. THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD – THE WORD OF GOD

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

A table with twelve loaves of bread represents the importance of reading God's Word for daily sustenance. With this in mind, here are ways to nourish your soul:

Read God's Word.

Claim His many great promises.

Ask for fresh revelation of the Word.

Take time to read and meditate on the Word.

Get a Word for the day.

6. THE ALTAR OF INCENSE – WORSHIP

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe." (Proverbs 18:10)

A small altar of burning incense stood at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelt. This altar represents worship. The people of God literally entered God's presence worshipping the Names of God, including:

God is My Righteousness – Jeremiah 23:6

God is My Sanctifier – Leviticus 20:7-8

God is My Healer – Exodus 15:26

God is My Provider – Genesis 22:14

God is My Banner of Victory – Exodus 17:15

God is My Peace – Judges 6:24

God is My Shepherd – Psalm 23:1

God is Always There – Ezekiel 48:35

7. THE ARK OF THE COVENANT – INTERCESSION

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

The final place in the Tabernacle was the place where God's presence dwelt. It was there that the priest interceded on behalf of the people. In the New Testament, you and I are all called priests and instructed to intercede for others.

Those in authority – spiritual, civil, family, and workplace

My family

My church – pastor, small group, members, and vision/mission My city,
nation, and world

My needs



**PRAYER AND
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PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE DEVOTIONAL

This is a great prayer outline mixed with Scripture readings. Simply walk through the outline while you look up the passages of Scripture.

1. THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE – PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD (MARK 12:30)

Think of a fresh reason to thank Him (Psalm 100:4, 118:24).

Present your body in worship (Romans 12:1; Psalm 63:3-4) by:

Kneeling before Him as your Lord

Lifting your hands to Him as your Source

Standing in praise before Him as your King

Clapping your hands with rejoicing

Dancing with joy as a child Bowing your head in humility

Sing a new song to Him (Psalm 96:1-2; Colossians 3:16).

Invite Holy Spirit assisted praise (Jude 20; 1 Corinthians 14:15).

2. CONFESSION AND CLEANSING – PRESENT YOUR HEART TO GOD (PROVERBS 4:23)

Ask God to search your heart (Psalm 139:23-24) for:

Sin – receive cleansing and righteousness

Selfishness – receive holiness and sanctification

Stress – receive life and power

Sickness – receive healing and strength

Remember the danger of self-deception (Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:6-10).

Set a monitor on your mouth and heart (Psalm 19:14, 49:3).

Ask God to help you keep His purposes and goals in view (Psalm 90:12; Philippians 3:13-14).

3. ORDER AND OBEDIENCE – PRESENT YOUR DAY TO GOD (PSALM 37:5)

Present the day's details (Psalm 37:4-5, 31:14-15; Deuteronomy 33:25):

Choose the fear of the Lord.

Commit your works to God.

Indicate your dependence upon God (Proverbs 3:5-7; Psalm 131:1-3).

Request specific direction for actions and decisions (Psalm 25:4-5; Isaiah 30:21).

Choose to obey God's explicit instructions (Matthew 6:11, 7:7-8).

In the Word of God

By choosing to do His will



**WARFARE
PRAYERS**

WARFARE PRAYERS

Prayer is not only communion with God; it is confrontation with the enemy. These prayers are very helpful in spiritual warfare.

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints," (Ephesians 6:11-18)

THE ARMOR OF GOD (based on Ephesians 6:13-17)

"Thank You, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from You and I declare that nothing can separate me from the love of Christ and the place I have in Your kingdom. I wear Your righteousness today against all condemnation and corruption. Cover me with Your holiness and purity—defend me from all assaults against my heart. Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Expose the lies I have believed, and show me the truths I need today. I choose to live for the Gospel in every moment. Show me where You are working and lead me to it. Give me strength to walk daily with You. I believe that You are powerful against every lie and assault of the enemy. You have good in store for me. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me because You are with me. Holy Spirit, show me the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the traps of the enemy. Bring those Scriptures to mind today.

Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with You in everything as my spirit communes with You in prayer throughout the day.”

THE WEAPONS OF WARFARE (based on 2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

“Father, Your Word says that no weapon formed against me shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17). Therefore I declare that no weapon formed against me prospers this day or any day to come in Jesus’ name. Your Word says that trouble will not arise a second time (Nahum 1:9). Therefore I declare that Satan cannot make trouble for me again, in this manner, as he did in the past in Jesus’ name. I declare all of these prayers accomplished and brought to pass by trusting you through faith and expectation in the name of Jesus.

Lord Jesus, I confess to You all of my sins this day, yesterday and every day past. I repent and renounce them, those known and unknown, those of omission and commission, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. I lay down at Your feet all of the sins of the flesh, the tongue, and of the heart, and all unholy thoughts and actions. Thank You, Lord, for shedding Your precious blood for me.

I stand on Your Word. The enemy is driven out from before me, above me, around me, and below me; from my home, workplace, church and its ministries, children, and loved ones; from my works and labors, land, and my presence. I declare that he is not able to stand against me, and his works are taken captive and destroyed. No weapon formed against me will prosper, for the Spirit of the Lord shall raise a standard against them. I declare all of these things accomplished by Your Word. Jesus, my Lord, I give You thanksgiving, praise, glory, honor and worship for Your righteousness and holiness given to me by Your Word on my behalf.”

PROTECTION PRAYER (based on 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, 10:3-5; Romans 12:1-2)

“Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before You. I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to You. I submit myself only to the true and living God and refuse any involvement of the enemy in my life. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I pull down every thought that exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ. I pray and thank you for a sound mind, the mind of Christ.

Today and every day I ask for protection over my spouse; each of my children; our immediate family members, relatives, friends, acquaintances and myself. I also ask today for protection during all of our travels; for our provision, finances, possessions, health, safety, and welfare. I put all of these things under the covering of Your precious blood and declare that Satan cannot touch them, on this day or any day to come.”

GENERAL CONFESSION PRAYER (based on Romans 10:10; James 5:16; I John 1:7-9, 3:8)

“Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God. You are the Messiah, come in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil. You died on the cross for my sins and rose again the third day from the dead. I now confess all my sins and repent. I receive your forgiveness and ask you to cleanse me from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, cleansing me, justifying me, and sanctifying me in Your blood.”

FORGIVENESS PRAYER (based on Matthew 6:14-15; Leviticus 19:18)

“Lord, I have a confession to make. I have not loved, but have resented certain people and have unforgiveness in my heart. I call upon You, Lord, to help me forgive them. I do now forgive (name them). I also forgive and accept myself in the name of Jesus Christ.”

PRIDE PRAYER (based on Proverbs 11:2, 16:18, 26:12; 1 Timothy 3:6)

“Father, I come to You in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know pride is an abomination to You. I renounce anything that would cause me to have pride in my heart in dealing with other people. I renounce these and turn away from them. I humble myself before You and come to You as a little child.”

Study Proverbs 6:16-19 and remember that fasting is a means by which a person humbles himself before the Lord.

GENERATIONAL BONDAGE PRAYER (based on Exodus 20:4-6, 34:7; Numbers 14:18)

“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I now renounce, break, and loose myself from all bondages or bonds of physical or mental illness upon me, my family or family line as the result of parents or any other ancestors. I thank You, Lord, for setting me free.”



**PERSONAL
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PERSONAL PRAYER TARGETS

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Pray for those in authority and those under your authority.

MY GOVERNMENT

President _____

National leaders _____

State leaders _____

City leaders _____

MY FAMILY

Spouse _____

Children _____

Parents _____

Siblings _____

Extended family _____

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MY CHURCH

Pastor _____

Small group leader _____

Small group members _____

MY LIFE

Employer _____

Co-workers _____

Employees _____

Teachers/Professors _____

THOSE I INFLUENCE

Close friends _____

1. PRAY THAT THE FATHER WOULD DRAW THEM TO JESUS

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:44)

2. BIND THE SPIRIT THAT BLINDS THEIR MINDS

"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4)

3. LOOSE THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION (SONSHIP)

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15)

4. PRAY THAT OTHER BELIEVERS WILL CROSS THEIR PATHS AND ENTER INTO POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM

"therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:38)

5. LOOSE THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION ON THEM SO THEY MAY KNOW GOD BETTER

"that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him," (Ephesians 1:17)

