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

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

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people (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 as sault 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.