



Daily Devotionals for July 14-19

Monday, July 14 Read Psalm 19

This psalm of praise extols the strengths and virtues of God. Why is this important for us when it comes to praying to Him? All of this praise precedes any prayer request. Look closely at v.14. Why is it an important way to frame our own prayers?

Tuesday July 15 Read Mark 11:25-26

What does this passage suggest is the prerequisite for forgiveness? Why? How does (or should) this reciprocity affect everything we pray for? Another way to look at it is to ask, what does God expect from us when we come before Him in prayer?

Wednesday, July 16 Read Ephesians 6:18-20

What are some of the characteristics of faithful prayer that Paul is suggesting here? What does it mean to "pray in the Spirit (v.18)? Look up Luke 12:12 and Romans 8:15-17 for some possible guidance here.

Thursday, July 17 Read Matthew 7:7-8

What is the difference between asking and seeking and knocking in terms of what you pray for and the ways you pray? Are we called to be persistent because God has trouble hearing us or in order to increase our own boldness, dependence and attentiveness? If the latter, how does that work?

Sermon Notes from 7/13/25

"Today's Needs, Tomorrow's Wants"

1. We are called to be faithful, hopeful and bold in our prayers.

2. Steps for bold and persistent prayer:

☐ A. Asking is to put ourselves in God's hands.

☐ B. Searching is asking plus action.

☐ C. Knocking is asking plus action plus attitude!

Friday, July 18 Read 1 John 5:14-15

Is our boldness before God to be seen as a 'blank check' to ask for a receive anything we want? Are there qualifiers here and if so, what are they (hint: look closely at the second half of v.14)? Why is this important?

Saturday, July 19 Read Psalm 27

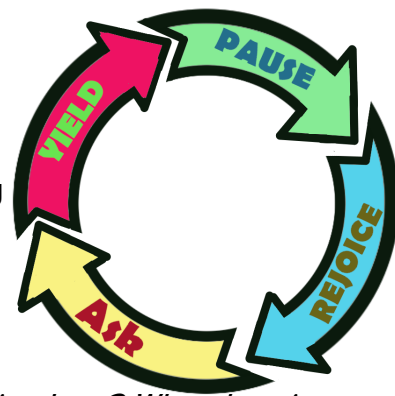
Read this psalm as your prayer. Take it slowly and savor its boldness, confidence and imagery. Why can v. 4 be considered the lynch pin around which this whole psalm revolves? Look at the bold declaration in vv.13-14. Can you make the same statement? Discuss this with God in prayer today.



“Today’s Needs, Tomorrow’s Wants”

Week of July 13, 2025

Small Group Study & Discussion Guide



I. Getting Started:

1. **Read Psalm 19** Share: “This psalm of praise extols the strengths and Virtues of God.” Why is this an important for us when it comes to praying to Him, much less asking for something? Discuss the following:
 - *All of this praise precedes any prayer request. Look closely at v.14. Why is it an important way to frame our own prayers?*
2. **Read Ephesians 6:18-20 and discuss the following:**
 - *What are some of the characteristics of faithful prayer that Paul is suggesting here? What does it mean to “pray in the Spirit (v.18)? Look up Luke 12:12 and Romans 8:15-17 for some possible guidance here.*

II. Going Deeper:

1. We are called to be faithful, hopeful and bold in our prayers. How do you understand each of these aspects of prayer and how do they (or don't they) play out in your own life? Discuss the following:
 - *What does a Faithful prayer life look like (see Matthew 6:33)?*
 - *How are we to be Hopeful in our prayers (see Romans 8)?*
 - *Why should we be Bold when we pray (See Acts 4:219-)?*
2. **Read Matthew 7:7-10. In your group, share your thoughts on the 3 steps for bold and persistent prayer:**
 - a. **Step 1: Ask! Asking is to put ourselves in God's hands.**
 - *What sometimes limits us in our asking? Why?*
 - *How is asking an act of faith in itself? What then is going on-in terms of faith—when we don't ask?*
 - b. **Step 2: Search! Searching is asking plus action.**
 - *What actions might be required of us when we pray? Why?*
 - *When and why are we often passive in our praying?*
 - c. **Step 3: Knock! Knocking is asking plus action plus attitude!**
 - *With what sort of attitude should we approach our prayers? Why?*
 - *What negative attitudes hinder our prayer life and how do we escape them?*

III. Taking it With You:

Before your group time ends, discuss ways the members of your group have improved or can improve their prayer life. How can you encourage one another to be more faithful, hopeful and bold in your prayers and are there ways you can hold one another accountable to growing a stronger prayer life?