

IT'S PERSONAL
Pray for It #1
January 14, 2024

Big Idea: Prayer is a fundamental _____ of your
_____ with God.

*Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our
debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)*

MAKE YOUR PRAYER PERSONAL

1. Address God as _____.
2. Express your _____ for Him. (Revelation 4:11)
3. Seek His _____. (John 14:23-24)
 - God's will is revealed in His _____.
4. Ask for daily _____. (Matthew 7:7-11)
5. _____.
6. Trust His _____ when you are
_____. (1 Cor. 10:13)

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON PERSONAL PRAYER

Monday

Read Matthew 6:5-8. What makes some public prayer hypocritical? How should we do most of our praying? How does this make prayer more personal? How and where do you pray? What does it mean to “heap up empty phrases” in prayer? Is there anything you repeat over and over in prayer without thinking about it?

Tuesday

King David had an intimate relationship with God. Begin your prayer time with the Father today by reading David’s words in Psalm 63:1-8 out loud as the opening of your prayer. Ask God to give you the same kind of earnestness and thirst to meet with God every day.

Wednesday

Read 1 John 5:13-15. What is the condition for answered prayer in v. 14? How can we know God’s will? (See Romans 12:1-2) How can our minds be renewed with the wisdom and will of God? (See 2 Timothy 3:14-17) God speaks His will through His word so we can ask according to His will in prayer. Try to filter your requests through what you know to be God’s will.

Thursday

Are you struggling with a recurrent, secret sin? You know it’s not right, but you have repeated it more than once, maybe dozens of times. David had a secret sin. Read Psalm 32 about how it made him feel and how he dealt with it. Sometimes full healing only comes after we confess our sin to another person (See James 5:16) Do you need to confess your sin to someone? Confession is the way out of darkness.

Friday

Read Matthew 7:7-11. When you ask and don’t receive do you follow it up with seeking and knocking? Prayer doesn’t change God’s mind or manipulate Him into giving you what you want. He already loves you and knows what you need. God often uses prayer to change you. Maybe the change is to get you seeking and knocking.