HELPFUL THOUGHTS

for this prayer guide

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

As Jesus yielded up His spirit at His death, the veil of the temple was torn, *Matthew* 27:51, signifying that God was opening a way of direct access into His presence. God now invites His children to enjoy this priceless gift and draw near to Him by the "new and living way" He has provided through His Son, *Hebrews* 10:19-22.

JESUS' INSTRUCTION

As we respond to God's call to draw near, and desire to pray in a way which pleases Him, we will benefit greatly from Jesus' instruction to His disciples, *Matthew* 6:9-13. In this passage, known as *The Lord's Prayer*, Jesus taught us what to include in a healthy prayer life.

UNDERSTANDING THE PRAYER GUIDE

This prayer guide is a practical tool to help us recognize the specific issues included in The Lord's Prayer. For example, under the heading, Your Kingdom Come-Your Will Be Done, we are reminded to pray for God's rule and reign over us, family, church and the lost. These words help us remember to pray for areas of vital concern. The inevitable result is that we will find ourselves running out of time, rather than running out of things to pray about!

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 8:26-27 teaches that the Holy Spirit has come to help us pray, "For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought" Jude 1:20 tells us, "building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." Let the Holy Spirit open up The Lord's Prayer to you through the prayer guide, and ask Him to show you specific applications for your life.

FINAL EXHORTATION

If we have the desire to pray, only two things are needed: discipline and perseverance! May God richly bless our church as we press on to develop a rich prayer life.

> Call unto me and I will show you great and mighty things which you know not. Jeremiah 33:3

THE LORD'S PRAYER

how to pray

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN | REJOICE IN DIRECT ACCESS

1. Thank the Lord for being our Heavenly Father, Luke 15:20, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6.

2. Approach God humbly through the Blood of Jesus, John 14:6, Romans 8:3.

3. Acknowledge He has all authority, Jeremiah 33:3.

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME | REFLECT ON ALL HE IS

Meditate on Who the Lord is as revealed in His Word.
Cultivate our relationship with Jesus in worship, Psalm 46:10.

3. Jesus said, "I have made Your name known", John 17:26a.

- The Lord my Shepherd The Lord my Righteousness
- The Lord my Sanctifier The Lord is Present
- The Lord my Peace The Lord my Provider
- The Lord my Healer The Lord my Banner

KINGDOM COME-YOUR WILL BE DONE | RULE & REIGN

- 1. To our lives.
- 2. To our families (mate, children, relatives) and friends.
- 3. To our church (pastors, leadership, workers, congregation).
- To the lost: Jerusalem (personal city), Judea (state), Samaria (nation), & uttermost parts (world).

GIVE US THIS DAY | RESOURCES FROM HEAVEN

1. Seek first the Kingdom, Matthew 6:33.

- 2. Believe God provides, Psalm 37:25 & Philippians 4:19.
- 3. Be open to suffering according to His will, 1 Peter 4:19.
- 4. Be specific and persistent, Luke 11:5-10.

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS | **RECEIVING GRACE**

Ask the Lord to forgive your sins, 1 John 1:9-10.
Ask Him to search and test your heart, Psalm 139:23.
Ask to be purified, 2 Corinthians 7:1,10.

AS WE FORGIVE US OUR DEBTORS | RELEASING OTHERS

Forgive all who have wronged you, Ephesians 4:30-32.
God commands us to forgive, Matthew 6:14-15 & 18:22.

DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE | RESISTING THE DEVIL

- 1. Submit yourselves to God, James 4:7.
- 2. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ & deny the flesh, Romans 13:14.

3. Put on the whole armor of God, Ephesians 6:11-18.

A PRAYER GUIDE AND DAILY READING THROUGH THE ENTIRE "YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH." PSALM 119:105

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