

reading booklet



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MONDAY 4th



Summary: David is anointed as king; David enters Saul's service. Lesson: God does not look on the outward appearance, but on the heart.				





Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Psalm 115:1

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, For you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isa 25:1

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Psalm 150v1-2

(Aim: Telling God how much you love and esteem him)

- Set aside a period of time to specifically praise God at the beginning of each prayer.
- You are putting God in the right position at the start.
- The larger God is in our prayer, the smaller we become, remembering he is in heaven and we are on earth.



Things to include in your prayer:

- 1. Praise God for his Character. (Ex 34:6-7, Gal 5:22-23)
- · List five things you love about God's character and how they affect you.
- 2. Praise God for his Word. (Psa 19:7-11)
- List three of the most powerful points you have heard from the bible recently.
- 3. Praise God for his Creation. (Job 38, Psa 104)
- List three things you have seen from creation and how they impressed you.
- 4. Praise God for he is a Father. (2 Thess 2:16, 2 Cor 1:3-4, James 1:17, Matt 7:7-11)
- · What should an ideal father be like?
- In what way is God your Father?
- 5. Praise God for his Name.



- Concentrate on one of God's titles (Yahweh, God Almighty, The Everlasting God, The Lord God of Israel, Healer, Shepherd, Saviour, King, Refuge, Rock, Creator, etc.)
- What does it mean?
- How does it affect you?

6. List any personal difficulties you are having with God - Ask God to help you resolve them.				
(E.g. God isn't fair, I don't feel like praying)				





Summary: David and Goliath – Israel vs the Philistines, David fights without Saul's Armour.
Lesson : Yahweh has delivered you into my hand. David was also chosen as a champion of God.





PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thess 5:18

(Aim: To acknowledge and thank God for all his abundant blessings)

Before beginning your prayer, Consider:

- Timothy said; "But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content." (1 Tim 6:8)
- Christ said; "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." (Matt 8:20)
- · How much more has God given to you in comparison to the above.



Pray to God and thank Him for:

- 1. Your Life and Health
- List three specific things that you are thankful for (e.g. Ability to walk, hear, etc.)
- Think of one of your talents. Thank God for creating you with this.
- How can you better use your talent in his service?
- 2. Your Family/Friends/Ecclesia/Youth Group
- · List three specific things about each that you are thankful for.
- 3. Your Country and Leaders (1Tim 2:1-2)
- · List three specific things that you are thankful for.
- 4. Your Job and/or Education
- · List three specific things that you are thankful for.
- 5. Your Home/Possessions/Clothing/Wealth
- Recognise everything you have comes from God.
- Do you feel content with what you have? Or are you always wanting more?



WEDNESDAY 6th



Summary: David and Jonathan's souls are knit. Harmful spirit came on Saul. Lesson: Benefits of God centred friendship.				





PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Phil 2:3-4

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

Matt 5:44

(Aim: To focus on others and minimise the focus on yourself)



- 1. Pray for three people who are sick.
- 2. Pray for three people struggling spiritually:
- · What can you do to help?
- · What do you want God to do for them?
- 3. List three of your best friends.
- Pray that their faith in God might increase.
- Pray that their love for God might increase.
- Pray that they might continue to improve in the truth even when difficulties come upon them.
- Thank God for them and ask that they might be in the kingdom.
- 4. List three people who are doing a good work in A) Your local area, B) Australia, C) Overseas.

For all three areas:

- Thank God for them.
- · Ask God to continue to be with them.
- · Pray that their work may become more successful.
- · How can you help them?



- 5. Think of three people you don't get along with.
- Pray for them
- · Ask God that you might fully forgive them
- Ask God to help you fix any problems between you both.
- Ask for help to see their good points and thank God for these.
- 6. Pray for your Youth Group.
- · List three things you can do to help
- 7. Pray for three older people.
- · What can you do for them?
- 8. Pray for three lonely people.
- · What can you do for them?

Prayers for others in the Bible:

Paul (Col 1:9-12, Phil 1:9-12, Eph 3:13-21) Abraham (Gen 18:23-33)

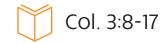




Summary: Saul tries to kill David	with a javelin.	David escapes 1	o Samuel at
Ramah.			

Lesson: God watches over David, even through trials. The power of true friendship.





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

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Proverbs 29:13

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

(Aim: To clearly identify our faults and to be forgiven of them)

Key steps to honest confession:

- · Admit your guilt.
- Take your mistakes and failures seriously.
- God wants us to be fully aware of our sins.
- If we admit our sin displeases and hurts God, we acknowledge it is our responsibility to change it.
- Realise; Confession is difficult. It is the most painful yet powerful part of prayer.
- Be specific.



Things to include in your prayer:

- 1. Confess to God: What is your biggest problem/area of sin in the truth?
- 2. Why is it such a problem?
- 3. How long have you had the problem?
- 4. Do you want to overcome the problem?
- 5. Ask God to help you overcome the problem.
- 6. Tell God that you are determined to stop sinning in this area.
- 7. Replace it with something positive. What will you replace it with?



- 8. Realise that your problem CAN be overcome.
- 9. Commit to more prayer and meditation to strengthen your conscience so you can overcome.
- 10. Ask God to forgive you (just as you forgive others!).

Prayers of confession in the Bible:

David (Psalm 51: 1 -10) Daniel (Dan 9: 3-19)

Nehemiah (Neh 1: 4-11)

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Summary: David and Jonathan's friendship. David leaves and runs away. **Lesson:** Friendship has to be based around Godly principles.





Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

James 5:13

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,

Let your requests be made known to God.

Phil 4:6

This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15



- 1. Is there something troubling you?
- What is troubling you?
- · Why is it troubling you?
- Is there a way to make it trouble you a little less?
- · Ask God to help.
- 2. Your Job or Schooling:
- What is your goal? Does your goal fit to the guidelines of neither poverty nor riches?
- · Ask God to be with you in attaining your goal.
- 3. Pray that you might not be tempted beyond what you can handle, and that situations that are more than you can bear may not come upon you.
- 4. Your Family:
- · What would you like to improve in your family?
- How can you help your family to improve?
- Ask God to help.
- 5. Boyfriend/Girlfriend, or Husband/Wife:
- Is this something you want? If so Ask God that you might find a suitable partner.
- Pray that God may help you handle life if you don't find a partner for some time.
- If you are in a relationship Pray that your relationship may continue to improve.
- Pray that you may grow closer to each other and to God.



- 6. List three things that you could do to improve your spiritual life.
- · What are they?
- Ask God to help you do these things more consistently.
- 7. Pray that you might become closer to God.
- · How will you achieve this? What will you do?
- · Ask God to help you get closer to Him.
- 8. Pray that your life may be relatively happy, successful and filled with good, Godly friends.

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Personal Prayers in the Bible: Hezekiah - for health (2 Kings 20:1-5) Hannah - for a son (1 Samuel 10:11) Abraham's Servant - for a suitable wife for Isaac (Gen 24:12-14) David - for help (Psalm 86)





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Lesson: /	Allow God to	o work in	your life.			





PRAYER FOR THE KINGDOM

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.

Matt 6:9-10

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Heb 11:16

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Col 3:3-4



- 1. Consider: Do you really want the Kingdom?
- 2. Give three reasons why God wants the Kingdom.
- 3. Give three reasons why the world needs the Kingdom.
- 4. Give three reasons why you want the Kingdom.
- 5. List three things you really want to do in the Kingdom.
- 6. What character faults do you want to lose in the Kingdom?
- 7. What feelings that you don't like will you be grateful to not have any more in the Kingdom?
- (E.g. feelings of inadequacy, embarrassment)
- 8. Picture yourself:
- Accepted at the Judgment Seat
- At the first temple service
- Meeting Christ and sharing a meal with him.
- 9. Ask God that you may be in the Kingdom.
- 10. Ask God to send his son back to the earth.
- 11. Think about: what it means for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.



Bible Passages about the Kingdom:

Micah 4:1-4 Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah 65:17 - 25

Revelation 21

If you	u feel comfortable, w	rite out a prayer c	or letter to God.	



