



## 2023 PRAYER WEEK GUIDE

# *Knowing Jesus Through Prayer*

# WELCOME

## *to the prayer room!*

We're so glad you're here!

It is our hope that you will meet Jesus in a fresh way in the next hour & know Him more through prayer.

We are going to read through some scriptures that will focus on specific characteristics of Jesus:

- Faithfulness
- Wisdom
- Humility
- Servanthood



Before we do that, let's spend a few minutes dealing with something that many times is a barrier to prayer... **DOUBT.**

It is human nature to question, to wrestle, to doubt, **to struggle.** If there has been something you have been struggling with — such as doubt — this is a safe place to talk it out with Jesus.

Please feel free to write this out or talk it out, however you need to do it. Doubt is a part of being human. It stretches us. But working with Jesus to overcome our doubts can lead us to deeper faith!



## Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, surrender to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

When you surrender, you determine that He is Lord and you are not. Surrender leads to learning more of God's faithfulness.

Let's jump in...

# 10 MINUTES OF SEARCHING AND REFLECTING

## Faithfulness

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Faithfulness is our first characteristic in knowing Jesus more. Faithfulness denotes firmness or constancy of God. God cannot lie. He cannot break a promise. He cannot fail!

### PSALM 119:90

“Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created.”

### JOSHUA 21:45

“Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed, every one was fulfilled.”

### PSALM 36:5

“Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.”

Consider God’s faithfulness in your own life.

Many of us think that God removing the hard things in life is equal to His faithfulness. But, it actually grows our faith more when we realize that God’s faithfulness is greatest in times of struggle or hardship. When we need to trust Him to lead us through the fire. The book of Isaiah says we will walk through the fire and not be burned!



### MORE SCRIPTURES ON HIS FAITHFULNESS

- Isaiah 25:1
- 2 Timothy 2:13
- Hebrews 10:23



# Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have shown Yourself faithful all throughout scripture. Thank You for Your faithfulness.

Forgive me for all the times I lose sight of it because of my circumstances. For the times I live by my feelings and forget Your best for me.

There is no better reminder of Your faithfulness than You on the cross. Teach me that Your faithfulness never runs dry!

Amen.

# 10 MINUTES OF SEARCHING AND REFLECTING

## Wisdom

“Wisdom is the appropriate application of knowledge.” There are so many people in this world who are full of knowledge, but lack wisdom. Jesus was and still is, different. To learn His kind of wisdom, we can go to the parables He told in the gospels and to the book of Proverbs.

### JAMES 3:17

“The wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

### 1 CORINTHIANS 1:25

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom and weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

So, how can we get more Godly wisdom?

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to you.” — James 1:5

What do you need Godly wisdom for? Ask Him... He is faithful!



### MORE SCRIPTURES ON WISDOM

- Isaiah 40:28
- Proverbs 16:16
- Proverbs 19:8
- 1 Corinthians 3:18
- Isaiah 55:8





# Prayer

Lord, the world offers knowledge, but today I ask for Your wisdom. Your word says all I need to do is ask, and You give it freely.

Help me to see my situation and those around me from Your perspective and trust that You are working all things for Your good and glory.

Please teach me to live out Your wisdom in my daily life and to be thankful in all circumstances.

Amen

# 10 MINUTES OF SEARCHING AND REFLECTING

## Humility

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“Humility is an attitude of spiritual modesty that comes from understanding our place in the larger order of things. It is the absence of self.”

Jesus set the example of true humility in Philippians 2:6-8. “Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather he made himself nothing by taking on the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.”

### JAMES 3:17

“The wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

### PROVERBS 15:33

“The fear of the Lord teaches wisdom, humility precedes honor.”

Think of an area in your life where you need less of you and more of Him...



### MORE SCRIPTURES ON HUMILITY

- Micah 6:8
- James 4:6-10
- 1 Peter 5:6
- Colossians 3:12-13





# Prayer

Heavenly Father, I pray from a heart position of humility.

Please show me how to lay down my pride. Be greater than the pull of pride in my life. Teach me to sit at Your feet and not fight You for the throne.

Retrain my mind to not think too highly of myself, but to look to You first in my life so I give You the glory.

Amen.

## 10 MINUTES OF SEARCHING AND REFLECTING

# Servanthood

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Our last focus is servanthood, or what it means to be a servant. The word servant is mentioned 1,068 times in the Bible, so it would seem that it was important!

A servant is "one who serves another." To serve is "to be humble before God." "To be devoted and helpful."

Jesus was a servant. In John 13, Jesus washes His disciple's feet. In Luke 22, Jesus serves His disciples at the last supper.

### JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world He gave his only son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

### MATTHEW 23:11

"The greatest among you will be a servant."

Have you noticed yet? To truly be a servant like Jesus was, we need humility, wisdom, and faithfulness to all work together.



Let's spend our last few minutes praying about how we can be more of a servant in our families, workplaces, marriages, neighborhoods, and in the Church.

If God has revealed something to you during this past hour, pray about it.

If you don't have the words, consider praying any of the scriptures listed here.

Never forget, He hears your heart even when you don't have words!

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Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this hour to be focused on You and Your heart.

Thank you for Your humility, Your wisdom, and Your faithfulness.

Please help me grow deeper in each of these so that there can be less of me and more of You.

Show me where I should lay down my life (selfish pride and self-centeredness) to serve You and be your ambassador.

Give me courage to be a servant that is set apart from this world so that more people may come to know You!

Amen.





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