



40 Days of prayer

Week 2- How to Pray with Confidence

Foundation Passage

Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 NKJV

Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father in heaven." One of the words in the Bible for "father" is "Abba", which simply means "daddy". Abba is a term of endearment, love, intimacy, and security. Jesus was telling us that when you pray to God, your talking to a perfect Dad.

In some of our lives we have not experienced fathers as a blessing, but when you truly know and understand your heavenly Father, it will radically change your prayer life. It will enable you pray with confidence, more than ever before.

- God is a CARING Father.

¹⁵ "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely, they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

Isaiah 49:15

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

- God is a CONSISTENT Father.

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 1:17

⁶ "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change;

Malachi 3:6

¹³ Even when we are too weak to have any faith left, he remains faithful to us and will help us, for he cannot disown us who are part of himself, and he will always carry out his promises to us.

2 Timothy 2:13 Living Bible (TLB)

²⁹ For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn; he will never go back on his promises.

Romans 11:29 Living Bible (TLB)

- God is a CLOSE Father.

⁵ Let your character [your moral essence, your inner nature] be free from the love of money [shun greed—be financially ethical], being content with what you have; for He has said, "I WILL NEVER [under any circumstances] DESERT YOU [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], NOR WILL I FORSAKE *or* LET YOU DOWN *or* RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU [assuredly not]!"

Hebrews 13:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I could count them, they would outnumber the sand.

Psalms 139:17-18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

- God is never TO BUSY FOR ME .

¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.

Psalms 27:10

- God loves to MEET MY NEEDS .

¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:11

- God is COMPASSIONATE TOWARDS MY SITUATIONS .

¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Psalms 34:18 New Living Translation (NLT)

God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

- God is a COMPETENT / ABLE Father.

⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

Luke 1:37

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁹ But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man, The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9

How can you be certain that God is your Father?

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 1:12

When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, then God becomes our caring, consistent, close, competent Father, and you can pray with confidence the way that Jesus taught us to pray: “My Father in Heaven, hallowed by your name”.

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26 New Living Translation (NLT)

Activate

We do not just want to be hearers of the Word, we also need to be doers of the Word (James 1:22). To activate this Word on the Purpose of Prayer, go to the prayer resources section at the back of this book select one of the patterns of prayer to

Action 1 – Set a daily alarm as a reminder to pause and pray this week. This works best if you pick the same time every day. It does not have to be a long time, but the best time that you can dedicate when you will be most effective. Many people find that mornings are best to start the day fresh. The key is to develop a consistency in our prayer life.

Action 2 – Meditate on the daily scripture and write your insights.

Action 3 – Pull out your ALWC Prayer Calendar and integrate the daily prayer focus into your prayers.

Day 8 – March 1, 2018

Romans 8:38-39 - NLT

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

What did you hear?

What did God say to you as you read today’s bible passage?
What word or phrase was most meaningful to you?

What do you think?

What is God revealing to you about this passage? How does it apply to your life?

What is your prayer?

This is where you turn your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer confession or a request for God’s wisdom or help. It’s up to you, but take a minute to write a prayer of response to God.

Day 9 – March 2, 2018

2 Timothy 2:13

“If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.”

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Day 10 – March 3, 2018

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you”.

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Day 11 – March 4, 2018

Psalm 139:17-18

How precious are your thoughts to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand.;
When I awake, I am still with You.

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Day 12 – March 5, 2018

Matthew 7:11

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

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Day 13 – March 6, 2018

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written:

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Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things that God has prepared for those who love Him.

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Day 14 – March 7, 2018

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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