

## Seek Week Prayer Guide

Use these resources to guide your prayer times.

## Open - Close - Open Prayer

OPEN our eyes to see our spiritual condition and the true spiritual reality surrounding us.

CLOSE the eyes and confuse the minds of the enemies of the Gospel.

OPEN the eyes of people who are blind to the Gospel and spiritual reality.

## P.R.A.Y.

Use the model P.R.A.Y. to guide you as you read scripture and pray each day.

<u>Pause</u> - Stop before you start. To move forward you must pause. This is the first step in a deeper prayer life: Put down your wish list and wait. Be still, listen, and become fully present in place and time so that your scattered senses can recenter on God's eternal presence.

<u>Rejoice</u> – The most natural and appropriate response to God's presence is. reverence. Do not skip this step. Hallowing the Lord's name is the most important and enjoyable part of prayer. Linger here, rejoicing in God's blessings before asking for more.

<u>Ask</u> – Prayer is simply asking God for help. The Lord's Prayer invites us to ask God for everything from 'daily bread' to the 'kingdom come,' for ourselves (petition) and for others (intercession). <u>Yield</u> - The Final step in prayer is surrender. We yield to God's presence 'on earth as in heaven' through prayer and by listening to His word, which is our 'daily bread'. We yield to God's holiness through confession and reconciliation, praying 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.' We yield to his power in spiritual warfare, asking our Father to 'Deliver us from evil.'"

## The Lord's Prayer Outline

I. POSITION: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

a. Thank God you can call Him Father by virtue of the blood of Jesus. Dwell on the fact He is your Father.

b. Hallow the names of God and declare what is yours in Christ.

Jehovah – tsidkenu The Lord My Righteousness

Jehovah – m'kaddesh The Lord Who Sanctifies

Jehovah – shalom The Lord Is Peace

Jehovah – rophe The Lord Who Heals

Jehovah – jireh The Lord's Provision Shall Be Seen

Jehovah – nissi The Lord My Banner

Jehovah – rohi The Lord My Shepherd

II. PRIORITIES: Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

a. Yourself (seek first the kingdom).

b. Your family (spouse, children, other family members).

c. Your church (pastor, leadership, faithfulness of the people, harvest).

III. PROVISION: Give us this day our daily bread.

a. Be in the will of God (prayer, church, work habits, obedience in giving).

b. Believe it is God's will to meet your needs.

c. Be specific.

d. Be persistent.

IV. PEOPLE: And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

a. Cleanse your heart before the Lord, especially in the area of relationships

b. Forgive and release others in your life.

c. Set your will to walk in love, humility and acceptance.

d. Pray for relationships in the church to be healed and protected. Marriages

especially.

V. PROTECTION: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

a. Pray against any areas of weakness in your own life.

b. Put on the whole armor of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

c. Pray against any schemes of the enemy that hinder the work of the kingdom.

VI. PRAISE: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

- a. Exalt Jesus as head over all things.
- b. Declare in faith what God has called you to do in His authority.
- c. Conclude with thanksgiving and praise.