

PRAYER

Week 5: PRAYER

Daily I **WILL** commune with Father God in prayer.

- *Christianity is first a relationship with Jesus Christ, not a religion.*
- *Talking with God my Father as a son or a daughter.*
- *The power of prayer as we pray in faith according to the scriptures.*

Any relationship requires communication in order for it to grow, flourish, and be enjoyed. Whether it be a friendship, a marriage, or any other type, relationships are a two-way road.

Did you know that you can talk to the God of the universe at any time you'd like? Well, the answer is YES! Even better news is that you don't have to talk to Him in the way you would talk to a distant relative. Your Heavenly Father always has a ready ear waiting to listen to you. He cares about every detail of your life, even the ones that might seem ridiculous to others. He cares about the maintenance needed on your vehicle, your desire to live a healthier lifestyle, and even the insecurities that you've perhaps carried around since childhood. Talk to Him about those things and anything else you want. Rest assured knowing that as you grow in God's Word, you'll also grow your knowledge of how to pray.

We ought to pray in faith and trust, not in fear or worry. We are not beggars. We are believers. In the scriptures, Jesus modeled for us how we ought to pray. In prayer, you get to talk with God but don't forget to listen to Him as well. Let Him speak to you. He always has good things to say.

Supporting Statements:

- Prayer can feel awkward before it feels awesome. Don't stop, keep growing!
- Prayer is a privilege, not an obligation.
- Prayer is one way that we have access to God the Father.
- Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.
- Prayer is not bound by distance. You can pray for anyone from anywhere.

Read these passages:

Mark 11:24-26, Philippians 4:4-6



Answer the following questions in discussion form:

- What does this passage reveal about the nature of God?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- What does this passage reveal about me?

Weekly Challenge:

Every morning, I will challenge myself to pray before I get my day started. You can always pray for your job, family members, your dreams, and needs around the world.