



21 DAYS *of prayer and fasting*

PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD

INTRO:

When it come to prayer, often we can find ourselves at a loss for words. In these times, the best way to pray is to pray using Scripture as our source. The Psalms are great but so are so many other passages. . . A simple approach we can take is to take a passage of Scripture, read through it and then turn it into prayer.

TRY PRAYING GOD'S WORD WITH THESE PASSAGES AS A GUIDE:

JOHN 17:15-21

JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Jesus lifts up this prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Earlier that evening, He and His disciples ate in the upper room and sang a hymn together (Matthew 26:26-30). Now, Jesus was awaiting His arrest, and the horrific crucifixion to come. But even as He battled a sense of intense anxiety, Jesus' prayer in this moment turned into an intercession for not only His disciples, but those who were to become followers in the future.

Take a moment, read this passage, and write a prayer.

DANIEL 9:4-19

DANIEL DURING ISRAEL'S EXILE

Daniel was a student of Scripture, and was familiar with the prophesy God spoke through Jeremiah regarding the exile of Israel (Jeremiah 25:11-12). He realized that the period of 70 years decreed by God was coming to an end. So, in Daniel's own words, he "pleaded with him, in prayer and petition, and in sackcloth and ashes," that the people might be allowed to return to their home. Seeing Daniel's awareness of and willingness to confess sin reminds us how important it is to come before God with humility.

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LUKE 2:29-32

SIMEON IN THE TEMPLE

Simeon, led by the Holy Spirit, met Mary and Joseph in the temple. They had come to observe Jewish custom after the birth of a baby: presenting the new child to the Lord and offering a sacrifice. Because of the revelation Simeon had already received (Luke 2:25-26), he recognized that this baby was the Savior God had promised. Cradling Jesus in his arms, Simeon savored a moment of worship, immensely grateful for the gift of seeing the Messiah with his own eyes. The expression of thankfulness and contentment that flows out of Simon here is a direct result of his life of prayerful devotion to God.

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ACTS 4:24-30

THE DISCIPLES

The Apostles Peter and John had been jailed for healing a man and speaking out in public about Jesus, and were later released (Acts 3:1-4:22). When the other disciples learned how their brothers had been treated, they immediately sought God's help - not to hide from potential trouble, but to push on with the Great Commission. The disciples, as one, display a determined request that shows me how powerful corporate prayer times can be.

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VARIOUS PASSAGES

- JAMES 4:8-10
- PSALM 139:23-24
- MATTHEW 6:33
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:7
- ROMANS 8:28
- PSALM 62:8
- ROMANS 8:38-39
- ISAIAH 54:17
- PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7
- JEREMIAH 29:11-13
- HEBREWS 13:5
- MATTHEW 11:28-30
- PSALM 91:1-2
- PSALM 145:13-14

Take a moment, pick a passage, and write a prayer.