

Template for Daily Prayers

Praise	Weekly Requests & Thanksgiving				
<p>God's character: love, mercy...</p> <p>God's acts: cross, resurrection...</p>	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<p>Thanks</p> <p>Spiritual: forgiveness, guidance...</p> <p>Earthly: family, house...</p>	<p><u>Family members:</u></p>	<p><u>Church members:</u></p>	<p><u>Ministries:</u></p>	<p><u>Missionaries:</u></p>	<p><u>Governments & Leaders:</u></p>
<p>Confession</p> <p>anger, pride...</p>					
<p>Daily Requests</p>					

Prayer Warfare

“Where is our delight in praying? Where is our sense that we are meeting with the living God, that we are doing business with God, that we are interceding with genuine unction before the throne of grace? When was the last time we came away from a period of intercession feeling that, like Jacob or Moses, we had prevailed with God? How much of our praying is largely formulaic, liberally larded with clichés that remind us, uncomfortably, of the hypocrites Jesus excoriated?” Don Carson, “A Call to Spiritual Reformation”

Prayer Refresher:

- Prayer is talking to God
- Sin is a problem for prayer
- But God listens to his forgiven children
 - **Matthew 7:9** "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"
- Prayer is to the Father in the name of the Son through the Holy Spirit
- We pray because Jesus tells us to, because God uses our prayers in his plans, because it is an expression of our relationship with God, because it exercises and strengthens our faith, and because it keeps connecting our earthly life to our relationship with God.
 - **Luke 18:1** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.
- One outline for prayer is ACTS: Adoration (praise), Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (Requests).

Prayer is *Spiritual Warfare*

- Ephesians 6 connects prayer with putting on the armour of God
- Tips: defend your prayer-time & pray through the armour of God in Ephesians 6

Prayer is *Mental Warfare*

- The weakness of our bodies often adds to the difficulty of prayer
 - **Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation... The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- Tips: use a variety of styles of quiet-time and prayer, switching now and then to stay fresh

Prayer is *Gospel Warfare*

- Ephesians 6 connects prayer with evangelism
 - **Romans 15:30** "I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me."
 - **Acts 4:24-31** "Sovereign Lord," they said, "You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them... Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And after they prayed the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
- Tips: be informed, using a prayer-folder and prayer-list to collect prayer points for your quiet time

Some set prayers for...

Prayer warfare in general:

Our Dear Father, We want prayer to be central. We know that's how it should be. But we're battling, Father. And we throw ourselves on your mercy. Will you give us a fresh vision of prayer, and what prayer should be like? We confess we are not great pray-ers. We would like to be more faithful in prayer. Will you forgive us, and teach us, and change us. Please give us prayerful hearts. In Jesus name, Amen.

Prayer as spiritual warfare:

Dear Father, We praise you for the victory you have already won for us, over the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Over sin, and death, and judgment. We thank for the armour you have given us: truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faithfulness, salvation, your word. Please help us to stand our ground against the Devil's schemes, and having done everything, to stand. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Prayer as mental warfare:

Dear Father, we want to admit our weakness to you now. That so often our spirit is willing, but our bodies are weak. We find that prayer is a mental battle. Father take pity on us in our weakness, like Jesus did to his disciples. By your Spirit which dwells in us, make us alert and persevering. Help us to pray and never give up. Give us lively and refreshing prayer-times, our Lord. And when we're dry, and struggling, help us to battle on. In Jesus strength and Jesus name, Amen.

Prayer as gospel warfare:

Dear Father, you are sovereign over everything. So you know that our brothers and sisters are battling away in _____ right now. Father, enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Do amazing things in _____ today. Bring people to faith in Christ today. Bring people to the _____ event. We ask you in the name of Jesus to bring people to hear your word and be saved. Amen.