

Introduction:

Sometimes things stated very simply are very helpful. One of the ones I really like is, "Think about what you are thinking about!" Funny, but so true, in light of Isaiah 26:3, which helps us to realize our need to keep our mind stayed on the Lord. Several Bible studies and books I have read, have included the following statements and that are worth thinking about:

1. God is who He says He is.
2. God can do what He says He can do.
3. I am who God says I am.
4. I can do all things through Christ.
5. God's Word is alive and active in me.

A Suggested Prayer Guide for April 13-19

Adoration and Praise:

Part 1-Read the scriptures below and praise the Lord for who He is.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 4:14-16

And we have seen and testify that that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

- Father, we praise You that because of Your great love and grace, that You gave Your precious Son, Jesus Christ, who willing gave His life for us, that we who believe might not perish but have eternal life. (Jn. 3:16)

- Lord, we worship and adore You for You gave your son and the government shall be upon His shoulders and His name shall be called:
 - *Wonderful Counselor
 - *Mighty God
 - *Everlasting Father
 - *Prince of Peace
 (Is. 9:6)
- Lord we praise you that Jesus Christ, the righteous one, is our advocate with You, our Father and that He is the propitiation for our sins, and the sins of the whole world. (1 Jn. 2:1-2)
- Lord we praise You that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the World. (1 Jn. 4:14)
- Lord we praise You that whoever confesses Jesus is the Son of God, abides in You and You abide in him. (1 Jn. 4:15)
- Lord we praise You that You have blessed us with the knowledge and belief that You love us. (1 Jn. 4:16)
- Lord we praise You and worship You that You are love. (1 Jn. 4:16)

Part 2-You might want to sing a song of praise, such as “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us.”

Confession and Repentance:

Part 1-Read the scriptures given and a typed prayer in response to the truth of the Word. Read the prayer as your own to God.

- **Micah 6:8 (NIV)**

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord requires of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

- **Luke 17:3-4 (ESV)**

Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.

- **Matthew 18:33**

And should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?

- **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lord, during this time of quarantine, we sometimes find our struggle to forgive is with the people closest to us. Help us to have compassion for one another, looking beyond hurtful words or actions that sometimes take place. Help us to make the choice to obey you and to forgive our loved ones, our family members, as well as others. Help us to be lovers of mercy and to be faithful to acknowledge our own sins, and to ask for and to receive your forgiveness. Help us to allow the love of Christ to control us. We

praise You that You are a merciful God and a God of love. Please keep us from becoming the unmerciful servant who was unable to forgive. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

Part 2-Ask the Lord to reveal to you any sin in your heart and write out your own prayer of confession and repentance and praise Him for His mercy and grace.

Thanksgiving:

- Lord, we thank You and praise You for our complete and gracious pardon.

Colossians 2:13-14

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- Lord, we thank you for revealing to us that our purpose is to no longer live for ourselves but to live for You and that the love of Christ controls us, for He died for us and rose again on our behalf

2 Corinthians 5:14-16

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

- Lord, we praise You that we can walk in newness of life through Christ, and experience the power of His resurrection, walking in victory over our flesh.

Romans 6:4

We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Philippians 3:10

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like Him in His death.

- Lord, we thank You that we have peace with You through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus

Christ.

Supplication and Intercession:

Part 1-Read through the scriptures listed below and pray the points provided. Three prayers from Dr. Bill Thrasher are included.

- **Ephesians 3:19**

-to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- **Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- **Romans 8:38-39**

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, we pray for the body of Christ

- That we will know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of You, O Lord. (Ep. 3:19)
- That we will not give place to the lies of the enemy, but that we will stand on the truth of Your Word that there is therefore now no condemnation for us, for we are in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:1)
- That we will truly believe that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)
- Asking You, O Lord, to please overwhelm us with your love so that we can better respond in loving You and in loving others. (Dr. Thrasher)
- Asking You Lord, to please open our eyes to more clearly understand the meaning of Christ's death. (Dr. Thrasher)
- Asking You, O Lord, to increase our confidence in all of your promises because You were faithful to raise Christ from the dead just as You promised. (Dr. Thrasher)

Part 2-Continue to pray as the Lord leads you for those who are sick; for medical workers, caregivers, emergency relief teams, and government leaders; for a cure for the virus; for teachers and students; for pastors and churches; for families; for peace for those living in uncertainty; for God's comfort and help for those in fear or anxiety or financial stress; for Christians to point others to Christ; for laborers in the Harvest Field; for the salvation of many souls; as well as others the Lord places upon your heart.

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.