

## Prayer Guide May 25-31

### Introduction

One morning this past week, I woke up later than usual-after my husband had gotten up and the morning light was beginning to shine, and I wasn't exactly happy about it. I like my time alone with the Lord earlier than that. My sense of peace and my feeling of being connected to the Lord can become connected to the wrong things. My day was starting with a challenge for me. Yet, the Lord reminded me that normally my prayer before I go to sleep is, "Lord please wake me up when You want me to get up for time with You." Also, I needed the reminder that my time with the Lord is not just the block of time I spend in His Word and in prayer early in the morning, but throughout the day-a "little praise" over a beautiful sky, a quick prayer of my need for guidance in speaking a thought or being quiet, a prayer for someone who is hurting, when He brings a scripture to my mind and when I speak it back to Him and even in the mundane moments of serving family in sweeping, cooking, and cleaning. Lord, please forgive us when we base our relationship with You on the things that we do or don't do. May we grasp and cling firm to our stand in your grace. Please help us to humble ourselves to embrace your grace, favor, and peace. Help us to delight in Your presence throughout our day. We praise You that You are a merciful God and You understand us, how we are made, and yet You love us. In our weakness, may we turn our eyes to You and adore You. Thank You that Your strength is made perfect in our weakness.

### Adoration

**Part 1**-Read the scriptures and praise God for who He is.

#### Psalm 145:8-9 (ESV)

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
9 The Lord is good to all,  
and His mercy is over all that He has made.

#### Lamentations 3:22-23

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
His mercies never come to an end;  
23 they are new every morning;  
Great is your faithfulness.

#### Psalm 147:10-11 (ESV)

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,  
11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
In those who hope in His steadfast love.

•*Lord, we praise You that You are merciful and full of grace. You are our Father of mercies-our Father of compassion!(Ps. 145:8)*

•*We are so thankful Lord that You are slow to anger-so patient with us and we praise You that You abound in steadfast, constant, unending love-an everlasting love! (Ps. 145:8)*

•*Lord, we adore You for You alone are good! We praise You O Lord that You are good to all-to everyone and that You shower your compassion, your mercy over all of your creation! (Ps. 14:3; Mark 10:18; Ps. 145:9)*

•*Thank You O Lord that Your steadfast love never ceases and Your mercies never come to an end! We praise You that they are new every morning! Every morning we can begin afresh knowing we are loved for You are love! (Lam. 3:22; 1 John 4:8)*

•*O Lord, we praise You that Your delight, Your pleasure is not in what we can do. It is not based upon our merit, our performance! You take pleasure in us for we fear You. We turn our eyes to You. Our hope is in Your steadfast love! Thank You O Lord, that You delight in, take pleasure in us! (Ps. 147:10-11)*

**Part 2-**It would be good to sing a song of praise and worship.

## **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.

**1 Thess. 5:17** Pray without ceasing.

**Psalm 100:4** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**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, please forgive us when we try to put our time with You-our relationship with You into neat scheduled time frames like a church service or an allotted daily reading of Your Word. Forgive us for how we look at You in our limited understanding and how we think You look at us. Please help us desire to talk to You and listen to You throughout our day because we love You and are so thankful that You love us and that You are so merciful and gracious with us. Please help us to start where we are, to not miss opportunities to commune with You, to hear the Holy Spirits' nudges and respond to You in praise, and*

*thankfulness and love all day, throughout the day. Thank You Lord for Your great love and mercy and forgiveness! We love You Lord!*

**Part 2**-Ask the Lord to reveal to you any sin in your heart and to help you to receive His correction. Pray your own prayer of confession and repentance and receive His forgiveness.

## Thankfulness

**Part 1**-Read the scriptures given and use the points provided to praise and thank the Lord, as well as allowing the Lord to show you other things to be thankful for.

**Luke 15:20 (ESV)**

**20** And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

**Dr. Bill Thrasher**

“God’s mercy is His compassion that He gives to us in our misery to relieve us.”

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (ESV)**

**26** For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, **29** so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. **30** And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, **31** so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**John 15:5 (ESV)**

**5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

**2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)**

**9** But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- *Lord, thank You that when we turn to come to You daily, throughout our day that You are merciful and compassionate and are pleased to meet us where we are and show us Your love. Thank You that You give us compassion in our misery. (Luke 15:20; Dr. Bill Thrasher)*

- *Thank You O Lord that You chose us, the weak in this world to shame the strong for we recognize our need of You O Lord. We acknowledge that no one can boast before You. We thank You that in and of ourselves we can do nothing, but because we abide in You and You abide in us, we will bear much fruit. (1 Cor. 1:26-29; John 15:5)*
- *O Lord, we thank You for blessing us and that because of You, we are in Jesus Christ and that He is our wisdom from You, our righteousness and our sanctification and our redemption. Thank You for helping us to keep our eyes on You and to boast only in You! (1 Cor. 1:30-31)*
- *Thank You O Lord, that Your grace is sufficient for us! Thank you that Your power is made perfect in our weakness and as we boast in our weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon us! (2 Cor. 12:9)*

### **Intercession and Supplication:**

**Part 1**-Read the scriptures given and pray as the Lord leads you.

#### **Psalm 145:14 (ESV)**

The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

#### **Hebrews 4:1 (ESV)**

**16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### **2 Corinthians 2:11**

-so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

#### **Jeremiah 10:23 (ESV)**

**23** I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself,  
that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.

#### **Psalm 103:13 (ESV)**

**13** As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

#### **Psalm 34:11 (ESV)**

**11** Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

- *O Lord, please help us, your people to adore You as our God of Mercy, who upholds us when we fall and who raises us up when we are bowed down in repentance. Help us to truly know You and walk in the confidence that Your throne is a throne of grace where we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need. (Ps. 145:14; Heb. 4:1)*
- *Lord, we pray for your mercy in helping us to recognize and understand the schemes of the enemy that we might know the truth and walk in Your merciful freedom and victory. (2 Cor. 2:11)*
- *We pray for the body of Christ that we, your people will recognize and acknowledge our need of your guidance daily and that we will look to You, our merciful shepherd to lead us throughout our day for Your name's sake. (Jer. 10:23; Ps. 23:3)*
- *We pray that we, You people will fear you, honor You, trust You and obey You for You have compassion on those who fear you. (Ps. 103:13)*
- *Lord we pray for the body of Christ that You will open the eyes of our understanding to know what it means to fear You. (Ps. 34:11)*

**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 by showing others His love; for laborers in the Harvest Field; for the salvation of many souls; for a great Christ-centered revival in our country; for continued freedom to openly practiced our faith; for those persecuted for their faith; as well as others the Lord places upon your heart.

**Exodus 34:6**

**The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious.**