

Prayer Guide for May 4-10

Introduction

We all have been forced into a season of waiting, not knowing what the outcome will be. However, as the old hymn says, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able, to keep that which I've committed unto Him against (until) that day." (2 Tim. 1:12) Our hope is in the Lord, for we know that He good and faithful and He is in control. It is His plan, His promises that will come to fruition during this time and in His way. Looking at the Word of God, our attention is drawn back to His works on behalf of His people and to the future with His promises of "forever". They are encouraging, for we see His mercy and grace; His love and patience; His kindness and provision for His people. It is a good time to remember His works, to be still and know that He is God. It is He who has made us, and we are His, the sheep of His pasture. He is our good shepherd. (Ps. 46:10; Ps.100:3; Ps. 23)

Adoration and Praise

Part 1-Read the Psalm and praise and worship God for who He is.
Great Are the Lord's Work

Psalm 111

1 Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

8 they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

- Praise the Lord! (Ps. 111:1)
- Yes, Lord, we choose to praise You with other believers with our whole heart, for You are worthy of all praise! May we never hold back but boldly praise You and encourage our brothers and sisters to do the same! (Ps. 111:1)
- Lord ,Your works are great! Not only do we praise You that You are Lord, but You are also worthy of our praise for Your works! As we read of creation and your works on behalf of your chosen people, how could we not be in awe? We delight in them! (Ps. 111:2)
- Everything You do O Lord, reveals your glory, your splendor and your majesty! We praise You for the glimpses of your glory that You reveal to us all day long in the beauty of sunrise and sunset, the laughter of children, the flowers of spring, the fellowship of other believers, as well as the multiple other ways You make your presence known! Your righteousness endures forever-it never fails! (Ps. 111:3)
- Thank You that You cause us to remember Your wonderful works! How gracious and merciful You are! (Ps. 111:4)
- We praise You that You give food to those who fear You and You remember Your covenant forever! (Ps. 111:5)
- Thank You that You have shown your people the power of your works in giving us the inheritance of other nations. (Ps 111:6)
- We praise You that the works of your hands are faithful and just and all of your precepts are trustworthy and they are established forever to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness for You do not change. (Ps. 111:7-8)
- Lord we praise You that You have sent redemption to Your people through Jesus Christ our Lord and that Your covenant is forever! Holy and awesome is Your Name! (Ps. 111:9)
- We praise You that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and that all of those who practice it have a good understanding. Your praise endures forever! (Ps. 111:10)

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.

Philippians 4:6

Do not worry or be anxious about anything; instead, pray about everything...

2 Corinthians 10: 4-5 CSB

4 since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments 5 and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Genesis 4:7

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.

Romans 12:2a

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...

Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the Lord reproves him who he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

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.

Prayer

Lord, your word tells us to not worry or be anxious about anything and yet how often do we find ourselves focused on the problems facing us - trying to find solutions in our own minds. Please forgive us for thinking about the wrong things rather than trusting in You and your love for us. Your word tells us to take every thought captive to obey You. Please help us to quickly recognize and reject thoughts that do not glorify You. Please forgive us when we conform to this world and when we focus on the wrong things. Help us to rule over the sin that would crouch at our door through our minds and regain control of our thoughts in areas we have yielded to the enemy. Thank You for helping us to confess our sin and receive your forgiveness and for helping us to renew our minds with your word. Thank you for the Holy Spirit who reproves us because You love us and delight in us.

Part 2- Ask the Lord to reveal to you any sin in your heart including bad thought patterns 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 give thanks to the Lord as He leads you.

Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. **5** Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; **6** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

- Thank You Lord that we can always rejoice in You for we know that You are our King and You are in control and we can trust in You.(Phil. 4:4)
- Thank You that we can let go of our control or wants and wishes and be gentle, gracious and reasonable with everyone, knowing that You are at hand and have been gracious with us. (Phil 4:5)
- Lord we thank you that we do not have to worry or be anxious about anything, but simply to talk to You about everything, letting our requests be made known unto You and placing everything in your hands, trusting in and thanking You for Your love, goodness, and faithfulness.(Phil. 4:6)
- And we thank You and praise You O Lord, that Your peace, which surpasses our understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Phil. 4:7)
- Thank you Lord that we can do all things through You including not worrying or being anxious. Thank you for enabling us to form good thought patterns, for You strengthen us and answer our prayers for help. (Phil. 4:13)

Supplication and Intercession

Part 1-Read the scriptures and pray the points provided or as the Lord guides you.

Philippians 4:8-9

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalms 1:1-3

- 1** Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3.** He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

Lord, we pray for the body of Christ

- That we, your people will be faithful to think on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, of excellence, and worthy of praise. We ask for your help to quickly identify thoughts that we should not give place to and to be willing and faithful to reject them. (Phil. 4:8)
- That You will help us to faithfully practice the truths that You teach us through Your Word that Your peace will be with us! (Phil. 4:9)
- That we will not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers, but that we will delight in Your law and will meditate on it day and night. (Ps. 1:1-2)
- That we will grasp how important your Word is for our lives.
- That we will be revived by your Word. (Ps. 19:7)
- That we will flourish like trees planted by streams of water as we meditate on your Word-your law. (Ps. 1:1-3)

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 practice our faith; as well as others the Lord places upon your heart.

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.