

PRAYER

the Christian's Vital BREATH

After a quick look on my bookshelf at home I found the following books on prayer: 'Praying Successfully' by Charles Spurgeon, 'Rees Howells – Intercessor' by Norman Grubb, 'The Practice of Prayer' by G. Campbell Morgan, 'How to Pray' by Pete Grieg, 'Prayer: Key to Revival' by David Yonggi Cho, 'Reckless Devotion' by Heidi and Roland Baker. There are others, but what stood out about these is that these are all people who have seen the most amazing moves of God in their communities, and through their ministries. This undoubtedly highlights the importance of prayer for us all, and partly why we are embarking on this series on prayer, which we will be following with this reading plan. It continues to be our experience that when we take time to pray, and particularly as we persist in prayer, we start to see God move more and more.

I have another book on prayer, it was given to me a number of years ago by the author who I met whilst at Bible School. It is called 'Prayer – The Christian's Vital Breath' by L. A.T. Van Dooren. I don't know too much about the author; I am not aware of him leading big revivals or preaching to the masses ... he was simply a faithful follower of Jesus who had learnt how prayer needed to be at the heart of all that he did. He took the title of his book from a 19th Century hymn – 'Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air', and we are going to use that title for this series.

As we embark on this journey, thinking about the different ways we can pray, and then meditating on example of these types of prayer in the Bible (and as part of this time spending a week praying around our worshipping communities), let us all embrace this God-given gift more and more so that it becomes as natural (and vital) to us as breathing.

Date	Title	Text
Week 1 Binding and Releasing Prayer		
Sunday 2nd February	Authority in Christ	Matthew 16:13-20
Monday 3rd February	Binding and Loosing in Prayer	Matthew 18:15-20
Tuesday 4th February	Power Over the Enemy	Luke 10:17-24
Wednesday 5th February	Paul Commands the Spirit to Leave	Acts 16:16-34
Thursday 6th February	The Armor of God	Ephesians 6:10-20
Friday 7th February	Victory Through Christ	Colossians 2:6-15
Saturday 8th February	Resisting the Devil	James 4:4-10
Week 2 Praise and Thanksgiving		
Sunday 9th February	Jonah's Prayer of Thanksgiving	Jonah 2:1-10
Monday 10th February	Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving	Psalms 100:1-5
Tuesday 11th February	Rejoice in the Lord Always	Philippians 4:4-13
Wednesday 12th February	Bless the Lord, O My Soul	Psalms 103:1-14
Thursday 13th February	Give Thanks in All Things	1 Thessalonians 5:12-24
Friday 14th February	Victory Through Praise	2 Chronicles 20:1-22
Saturday 15th February	Praying for City Life – Lanterns	
Week 3 Week of Prayer		
Sunday 16th February	Offering a Sacrifice of Praise with 12 Hours of Worship.	Hebrews 13:10-16
Monday 17th February	Praying for City Life - East	
Tuesday 18th February	Praying for City Life – Lanterns	
Wednesday 19th February	Praying for City Life – Central	
Thursday 20th February	Praying for City Life – West	
Friday 21st February	Praying through Bible Isaiah 35 - 66	
Saturday 22nd February	Praying in and over the House of Prayer	
Week 4 Prayer of Petition		
Sunday 23rd February	Daniel's Prayer for Mercy	Daniel 9:1-19
Monday 24th February	Solomon's Prayer of Petition	1 Kings 8:22-40
Tuesday 25th February	If My People Humble Themselves	2 Chronicles 7:11-22
Wednesday 26th February	Ask, Seek, Knock	Matthew 7:7-14
Thursday 27th February	Asking for Wisdom	James 1:2-12
Friday 28th February	Do Not Be Anxious, but Pray	Philippians 4:4-9
Saturday 1st March	Confidence in Prayer	1 John 5:9-15
Week 5 Testimony & Praise		
Sunday 2nd March	The power of testimony	Revelation 12:10-12
Monday 3rd March	Jehoshaphat's prayer	2 Chronicles 20:5-12
Tuesday 4th March	Hannah's prayer of praise	1 Samuel 2:1-10
Wednesday 5th March	Song of deliverance	Exodus 15:1-18
Thursday 6th March	David's psalm of praise	Psalms 145
Friday 7th March	Testimony of the woman at the well	John 4
Saturday 8th March	Our lives and words as testimony	1 Peter 3:13-17

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Week 6 Hearing the Voice of God		
Sunday 9th March	Listening to Wisdom	Proverbs 8:22-36
Monday 10th March	Speak, Lord, Your Servant is Listening	1 Samuel 3:1-21
Tuesday 11th March	My Sheep Hear My Voice	John 10:1-18
Wednesday 12th March	You Will Hear a Voice Behind You	Isaiah 30:18-26
Thursday 13th March	Do Not Harden Your Hearts	Hebrews 3:7-19
Friday 14th March	Show Me Your Ways, Lord	Psalms 25:1-15
Saturday 15th March	Faith Comes by Hearing	Romans 10:11-21
Week 8 The Lord's Prayer		
Sunday 16th March	The Lord's Prayer and Fasting	Matthew 6:5-18
Monday 17th March	Jesus Teaches on Persevering Prayer	Luke 11:1-13
Tuesday 18th March	The Lord is My Shepherd	Psalms 23:1-6
Wednesday 19th March	God's Word Will Accomplish Its Purpose	Isaiah 55:1-13
Thursday 20th March	Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples	John 17:1-26
Friday 21st March	Casting Our Cares on God	1 Peter 5:1-11
Saturday 22nd March	Jesus' Example of Humility and Exaltation	Philippians 2:1-11
Week 9 Contemplative Prayer		
Sunday 23rd March	Be Still and Know That I Am God	Psalms 46:1-11
Monday 24th March	Elijah Encounters God in a Gentle Whisper	1 Kings 19:1-18
Tuesday 25th March	Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place	Mark 1:29-39
Wednesday 26th March	Meditate on What is True and Noble	Philippians 4:4-13
Thursday 27th March	Seeking God in Stillness and Worship	Psalms 63:1-11
Friday 28th March	Waiting on the Lord for Strength	Isaiah 40:21-31
Saturday 29th March	Jesus Offers Rest for the Weary	Matthew 11:25-30
Week 10 Evangelistic Prayers		
Sunday 30th March	The Harvest is Plentiful	Matthew 9:35-38
Monday 31st March	The Parable of the Lost Son	Luke 15:11-31
Tuesday 1st April	Peter's Sermon	Acts 2:14-41
Wednesday 2nd April	The Church Persecuted and Scattered	Acts 8
Thursday 3rd April	I am not ashamed of the Gospel	Romans 1:8-17
Friday 4th April	Suffering for Doing Good	1 Peter 3:8-22
Saturday 5th April	The Great Commission	Matthew 28:19
Week 11 Intercessory Prayers		
Sunday 6th April	Paul's Prayer for Strength and Understanding	Ephesians 3:14-21
Monday 7th April	Praying for All People, Including Leaders	1 Timothy 2:1-8
Tuesday 8th April	The Spirit Intercedes for Us in Weakness	Romans 8:18-30
Wednesday 9th April	Praying for Healing and Confession	James 5:13-20
Thursday 10th April	God's Comfort and the Power of Intercession	2 Corinthians 1:3-11
Friday 11th April	Spiritual Warfare through Persistent Prayer	Daniel 10:1-21
Saturday 12th April	Devotion to Prayer	Colossians 4:2-12



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