

Prayer — Day 1



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#36) — KJV

Psalm 55:16–17, 22 "As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice... Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises to listen whenever you pray, whether it is morning, noon, or night. When you feel worried or sad, you can give your heavy feelings to Jesus, and He will give you great strength!

📖 Bible Story (Daniel 6)

Daniel lived in Babylon and had a very important job helping the king. But his most important habit was spending time with God.

Every single day—morning, noon, and evening—Daniel went to his room, knelt by his open window, and prayed. He trusted the Lord with his whole heart.

The other leaders were jealous of Daniel and wanted to get him in trouble. They tricked the king into making a new law.

For thirty days, no one was allowed to pray to anyone except the king. If they broke the law, they would be thrown into a dark pit filled with hungry lions!

When Daniel heard about this scary new rule, he was carrying a very heavy burden. His life was in danger. But Daniel did not panic, and he did not try to hide.

Instead, he went straight to his room, opened his window, and knelt down to pray, just as he always did. He gave his heavy worries to God.

The jealous leaders caught him and threw him into the lions' den. It seemed like Daniel's life was over. But God heard Daniel's daily prayers and sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths!

The giant beasts did not leave a scratch on him. The next morning, the king rushed to the pit and found Daniel safe. Because Daniel chose to talk to God instead of worrying, an entire kingdom learned about the true God.

☀️ True Story

In 1892, John Hyde traveled to India as a missionary, things did not go the way he planned. He had a hard time learning the difficult language, and his hearing was starting to fail.

He felt weak, and it would have been easy for him to feel useless and give up. But John understood a beautiful secret. He realized that his most important work was not standing on a stage preaching to large crowds. It was simply kneeling in his quiet room, talking to the King of the universe. John decided to make prayer the most important part of his life.

Instead of treating prayer like a rushed checklist before bed, he treated it like a real conversation with his best friend. He spent hours in his room, bringing his heavy burdens to God.

He loved the people of India so much that he prayed for them by name. He faithfully asked God to give him exactly one soul a day to follow Jesus.

Because John spent so much time talking to God in secret, a beautiful miracle happened. By the end of that year, three hundred and sixty-five people had chosen to follow the Lord!

Thousands more eventually gave their lives to Jesus, and John became known all over the world by a new nickname: "Praying Hyde."

His story reminds us that prayer is not just asking God to bless our plans. Prayer is opening the heart to Him, surrendering ourselves, and letting Him work through us. When we pray, God changes our hearts first, and then He can use our lives to bless others.

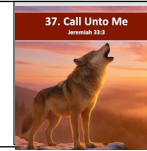
💬 Discussion Questions:

- How many times a day did Daniel have a season of prayer, even when his life was in danger?
- What was John Hyde's special nickname because he loved talking to God so much?
- Psalm 55:22 says to "cast thy burden upon the Lord." What is a worry or heavy feeling you have right now that you can talk to Jesus about?

🎨 Activity:

Work together to decorate a simple shoebox with a slit cut in the top. Label it "God's Inbox" or "The Burden Box." Give the children small slips of paper to write or draw their specific worries or fears on. Have them fold the papers and "mail" them into the box. Pray over the box together, thanking God that once we give a worry to Him, we do not have to carry that heavy burden anymore!

Prayer — Day 2



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Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises to always answer when you pray! If you humbly ask Him for help, He will show you great and powerful things that you would never be able to figure out all by yourself.

📖 Bible Story (1 Kings 3)

After King David died, his son Solomon became king of Israel. Solomon loved God, but he felt young, inexperienced, and overwhelmed. He had to lead many people, make difficult decisions, and judge fairly between right and wrong. Every day, people would come to him with problems he could not solve by human wisdom alone.

One night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask Me for whatever you want Me to give you."

Solomon could have asked for riches, long life, honor, or victory over his enemies. But instead, he opened his heart honestly to God. He admitted that he felt like a little child who did not know how to lead such a great people.

Then Solomon asked for an understanding heart. He wanted wisdom to judge God's people well and to know the difference between good and evil. Solomon knew that the work God had given him was too big to carry without God's help.

God was pleased with Solomon's prayer because it was not selfish. Solomon was not asking only for comfort or greatness for himself. He was asking for the help he needed to do the work God had given him.

So God gave Solomon great wisdom. He also gave him blessings he had not asked for, including riches and honor.

Solomon's story reminds us that prayer is not just asking God for things we want. Prayer is opening our hearts to Him as to a friend. We can tell Him our weakness, ask for the help we truly need, and trust Him to give what is best.

☀️ True Story

In 2021, a three-year-old boy named Christopher wandered away from his home in Texas and disappeared into a dense forest. His worried mother immediately called for help.

Soon, police officers, search dogs, and hundreds of volunteers were scouring the deep woods. For three long days and nights, they searched everywhere, but there was no sign of the little boy.

A local man named Tim Halfin heard about the missing child. Tim was not a police officer or a professional tracker. He was just an ordinary man who loved God.

While Tim was praying for the lost boy, he felt a gentle nudge in his heart to go look for him the next morning. Tim knew he did not know where Christopher was, but he believed God certainly did!

Tim went out to the edge of the woods and began to pray. He asked God to guide his steps and show him where to go.

He walked into the thick forest with no map, simply trusting the Lord to lead him. He was actually searching miles away from where the official rescue teams were looking!

After a while, Tim suddenly heard a tiny, faint noise. He pushed through the heavy brush and found little Christopher sitting safely on the ground!

The professional search teams had missed this spot, but God guided a praying man right to it. Tim demonstrated that when we call unto God, He will answer and show us things we could never figure out on our own!

💬 Discussion Questions:

- If God told you, "Ask what I shall give thee," what is the first thing you would ask for?
- Why did Tim Halfin decide to pray instead of just joining the regular search party?
- Jeremiah 33:3 says we can call on God when we need to know something. Do you have a problem or a difficult decision that you need to ask God to help you figure out?

🎬 Activity:

Have everyone stand or sit in a circle with a soft ball. One person starts by tossing the ball to someone and giving a simple prompt like, "Thank God for something," or "Ask God for help with something." The person who catches the ball says a short prayer out loud based on the prompt, then tosses the ball to someone else with a new prompt. Talk about it: Prayer is simply talking to God, and He listens to every word we say.

Prayer — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
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Today's Promise (#38) — KJV

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" **John 14:13–14** "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." **Isaiah 65:24** "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

💖 Apply the Promise!

When you ask in Jesus' name, your loving Heavenly Father always hears you. God actually prepares the perfect answer before you even speak the very words out loud!

📖 Bible Story (Luke 18)

Jesus told a story to teach His friends that they should always pray and never give up. In a certain city, there was a judge who did not fear God and did not care about people.

In that same city lived a widow who needed help. Someone was treating her unfairly, and she had no husband to protect her. Again and again, she came to the judge's court and begged him to make things right.

For a long time, the judge ignored her. He was not kind, and he did not care about her trouble. But the widow kept coming. She refused to stop asking for justice.

Finally, the judge grew tired of her visits. He said to himself, "I do not fear God or care about people, but this widow keeps bothering me. I will give her justice so she will finally stop coming."

Then Jesus explained the lesson. If even an unfair judge would finally answer a widow who kept asking, how much more will our loving Father hear His own children when they cry to Him?

Jesus was not saying God is like the selfish judge. He was showing that God is completely different. God does care. God does listen. God loves His children and knows what they need.

This story reminds us that prayer is not giving up when the answer does not come right away. We can keep bringing our needs to God, not because He is unwilling, but because He is good. Prayer teaches us to trust His love, wait for His timing, and keep our hearts open to Him.

☀️ True Story

In the 1990s, a twelve-year-old girl named Livia lived in an orphanage in the country of Romania. Life there was very difficult, and the children had almost nothing of their own.

Livia had one special, specific dream. She deeply wanted her very own hairclips! She wanted to pull her hair back so she could finally feel the fresh wind on her face and neck.

But growing up in an orphanage, she knew it was almost impossible to buy them. Even though it seemed unlikely, Livia prayed for hairclips. She asked God for this simple, beautiful gift.

Thousands of miles away, a kind stranger was packing a charity shoebox to send across the ocean. The stranger did not know Livia, but they felt a gentle nudge to pack a large package of hairclips!

Months later, a mission team delivered those boxes to Livia's orphanage. When Livia opened her special box, she gasped in amazement. Sitting right on the very top was the exact package of hairclips she wanted!

She was so joyful that she opened the package and excitedly put every single hairclip in her hair at the same time! When the missionaries taught her about Jesus that day, she realized God truly loved her.

He loved her so much that He prompted someone across the ocean to buy those exact hairclips long before she even opened the box! Livia proved that God hears our prayers, and He beautifully prepares the perfect answer before we even ask.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did the judge finally decide to help the poor widow?
- What specific, beautiful gift did Livia pray for while she lived in the orphanage?
- Is there something you have been praying about for a long time? How does this lesson encourage you to keep asking in Jesus' name?

🎬 Activity:

Hide a special treat or a fun prize inside a small box with a lid. Place the box somewhere in the room. First, have the children ASK you for a clue about where it is. Once you give the clue, have them SEEK around the room until they find the box. Finally, they must KNOCK on the top of the box three times before they are allowed to open it and share the prize!

Prayer — Day 4



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Today's Promise (#39) — KJV

Luke 11:9-13 " And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Apply the Promise!

God is a perfect Father who loves giving good gifts to His children! When you ask Him for help, He promises to always give you the exact comfort and spiritual strength that you deeply need.

Bible Story (2 Kings 2)

Elisha had a wonderful job. He was the helper to Elijah, one of the most faithful prophets in Israel. For years, he followed his mentor everywhere, watching God do wonderful miracles.

One day, Elisha learned God was taking Elijah directly up to heaven. As they walked together, Elijah asked his friend a question: "What can I do for you before I am taken away?"

Elisha could have asked for a large house, a chest full of gold, or an easy, quiet life. But he did not want any of those earthly things.

Instead, he made a bold request. He asked for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit. He was asking God for the power to help twice as many people and be twice as brave!

Elijah told him, "You have asked a hard thing." But he promised that if Elisha kept his eyes open and watched him go to heaven, God would grant his bold prayer.

Suddenly, a glowing chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire swept down from the sky! Elijah was taken straight up to heaven in a whirlwind.

As Elijah's cloak fell to the ground, Elisha picked it up, and God answered his courageous prayer.

Elisha's story teaches us that prayer is not only asking for earthly things. We can ask God for the help we truly need—His Spirit, wisdom, courage, and strength to obey. God loves to answer prayers that draw us closer to Him and help us do His work.

True Story

In 2025, a two-year-old boy named Bodin managed to wander away from his home in the high desert of Arizona. He wandered off just as the sun was going down, and the dark night quickly covered the landscape. His family realized he was missing and immediately called for help.

As they searched the area, the worried family began to pray. They begged their Heavenly Father to keep little Bodin safe in the darkness and to send comfort to the frightened boy.

Bodin had wandered far through rough country. He was only wearing pajamas, and wild animals had been seen in the area. No one knew exactly where he was. But God knew.

Seven miles away from his own home, a large, fluffy dog named Buford found the toddler. Buford was a gentle livestock guardian dog who lived on a distant ranch. Instead of running away, Buford stayed right by little Bodin's side. He kept him warm and safe through the dangerous, cold night.

When the sun finally came up, the dog walked together with the little boy for an entire mile. Buford guided him straight to his owner's ranch! The rancher was amazed to see his dog walking up to the gate with the missing toddler.

Bodin's story reminds us that prayer is bringing our fears to our Heavenly Father. We may not know where help will come from, but God sees what we cannot see. When we call on Him, we can trust His love, His care, and His power to send help in the way He knows best.

Discussion Questions:

- What did Elisha ask for when Elijah told him he could have anything?
- Why was a gentle, fluffy dog the absolute perfect "good gift" to send to a freezing toddler?
- Read Luke 11:13 again. If earthly parents know how to give good gifts, what does God want to give to those who ask?

Activity:

Take a short walk around your home or neighborhood together. Stop at different places and choose something to pray about—like the kitchen to thank God for food, a bedroom to pray for rest, or outside to praise Him for creation. You can also pause to quietly pray for your neighbors and the homes around you. Let each person take a turn saying a short prayer. Talk about it: We can talk to God anywhere, and He hears every prayer.

Prayer — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#40) — KJV

1 John 5:14–15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God promises that when you pray for things that match His perfect will, He always hears you! You can have absolute confidence that He will always answer your bold prayers with His incredible mighty power!

📖 Bible Story (1 Kings 18)

The nation of Israel was in trouble. Many people had turned away from the true God and started worshiping a fake idol named Baal.

God sent the brave prophet Elijah to call the people back to Him. He invited everyone to the top of Mount Carmel to see who the true God was.

Elijah told the false prophets to build an altar and ask their idol to send fire. For hours, they cried out, but no answer came. The sky remained perfectly silent.

Then, it was Elijah's turn. He repaired the altar of the Lord and asked the people to pour heavy barrels of water all over the wood.

Humanly speaking, it looked impossible for that soaking wet altar to burn! Elijah stepped forward and prayed a simple prayer.

He did not pray to make himself look important. He asked God to answer so the people would know the truth, and that He was calling their hearts back to Him.

Because Elijah prayed according to God's will, the Lord answered! Fire fell from heaven and burned up the sacrifice, the wet wood, the stones, and even the water.

When the people saw it, they fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord, He is God!" Elijah's story reminds us that prayer is not about showing off or trying to get our own way.

We can pray with quiet confidence when we ask God to help us turn our hearts fully back to Him!

☀️ True Story

In the 1980s, Roger Morneau kept a special list of people he prayed for every day. He believed that prayer was not just a quick duty, but pouring out the heart to God and asking Him to work where human words could not.

One day, Roger learned about a husband and wife who were going through a painful time. Their marriage was in trouble, and their hearts were full of hurt. Roger knew he could not fix their home by his own wisdom, but he could bring them to God in prayer.

So Roger began praying for them every day. He asked God to send His Spirit into their home, soften their hearts, help them forgive each other, and bring peace where there had been anger.

For two weeks, Roger kept praying. During that time, he did not see the man and did not know what was happening. But he kept trusting that God was able to work quietly, even when Roger could not see any change.

At last, Roger went to visit the man at his place of business. As he walked toward the office, he wondered what he would find. But when he stepped inside, he saw a smile on the man's face.

God had been working. The fighting had stopped, hearts had softened, and the marriage had been saved.

Roger's story reminds us that prayer is not giving up when we cannot see the answer right away. We can keep bringing people to God, asking Him to work in their hearts, and trusting that He is able to do what we cannot do ourselves.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did Elijah pour so much heavy water all over his altar?
- How often did Roger pray for the couple whose marriage was suffering?
- 1 John 5:14 says God hears us when we ask for things according to His will. What are some good things we know God wants us to pray for?

🎨 Activity:

Give the children a balloon or a lightweight feather. Have them try to blow the object all the way across the room using only their own breath (representing the firefighters). Next, plug in a powerful electric box fan and turn it on high. Watch how easily the giant fan blows the object exactly where it needs to go! Discuss how God's power is so much greater than our own strength. When we pray with absolute confidence, He is strong enough to solve any problem!