

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING WEEK 1

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: Embracing Prayer as Conversation

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-6

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Devotional:

As the new year begins, let's approach prayer not as a performance, but as an intimate conversation with our Father. God isn't looking for eloquent words or public displays; He desires sincerity and a personal connection. Reflect on how you can make your prayer time more authentic and focused on deepening your relationship with God.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. How does your current prayer life compare to the private, sincere approach Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:5-6?**
- 2. What steps can you take to make your prayers more like a heartfelt conversation with God?**

Day 2: The Simplicity of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:7-8

"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Devotional:

Today, let us remember that God values the simplicity and honesty of our prayers over an abundance of words. Trust that He knows our needs before we even speak them. Allow yourself to rest in the knowledge that your words need not be many, but your heart must be present.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. How can you embrace the simplicity that Jesus speaks of in your own prayer life?**
- 2. In what ways can you trust God more deeply, knowing that He understands your needs before you voice them?**

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Day 3: The Lord's Prayer as a Model

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'"

Devotional:

The Lord's Prayer is a perfect example given to us by Jesus to guide our prayer life. It encompasses praise, submission to God's will, dependence on Him for our needs, forgiveness, and protection. As we reflect on this prayer, let's seek to understand its depth and incorporate its principles into our daily lives.

Reflection Questions:

1. What element of the Lord's Prayer do you feel most connected to, and why?
2. How can this prayer shape the way you view God's role in your life and your reliance on Him?

Day 4: Relationship with Our Heavenly Father

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:15

"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"

Devotional:

Today, we consider the deep and loving relationship we have with God, who is not just a Creator but our Abba, Father. Embrace this intimate relationship and know that you are cherished and valued as His child. Let this truth influence the way you communicate with Him and live out your faith.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally to call God 'Abba, Father'?
2. How does understanding your identity as a child of God change the way you approach Him in prayer?

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Day 5: Purpose and Growth in God's Love

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Devotional:

As we conclude this week's reflection, let's hold onto the promise that God has plans for our growth and prosperity. Trust in His love and allow it to guide you towards your purpose. Be open to the transformations that come with knowing and embracing God's love for you.

Reflection Questions:

1. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God's plan for growth and prosperity?
2. How can the assurance of God's love and purpose for you impact your daily actions and decisions?

Remember, these devotions are not just for a momentary reflection but for long-term transformation. Carry these lessons with you as you navigate the year ahead, trusting in God's love and the power of prayer.