

John 16:24 says, "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

In our first week of prayer, we will concentrate on knowing how to ask and pray as God instructed. Take a few minutes each day to read the Scripture verse(s) and pray in response to the provided prompt.

Sunday, January 5

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."

Pray: Lord, teach us to pray.

Monday, January 6

Matthew 21:22

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Pray: Lord, give us faith to pray and receive all you intend us to receive.

Tuesday, January 7

1 John 5:14

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."

Pray: Lord, show us your will and your ways.

Wednesday, January 8

John 14:13

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Pray: Dear Jesus, we praise, worship and pray in your name today. Teach us to call upon the powerful name of Jesus throughout this day.

Thursday, January 9

James 4:3

"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

Pray: Lord, purify and direct our prayers toward that which you are passionate about.

Friday, January 10

John 15:7

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Pray: Lord, help me to meditate, rest, and abide completely in you today.

Saturday, January 11

Matthew 7:11

"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Pray: Lord, You are a good, good Father. I ask you, as your child, to hear my prayers today.

Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

God promises to meet those who seek Him. This week, spend each day opening your heart and mind to seeking God, His ways, and His will. The prompts this week include action steps along with prayers.

Sunday, January 12

Lamentations 3:25

"The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him."

Pray: Share with God your fears, doubts, heartaches, and dreams. Let Him know your deepest thoughts and ask Him to move your desires to Him and His ways. Consider writing down these thoughts in a journal, or sharing with a trusted friend or family member.

Monday, January 13

1 Chronicles 22:19

"Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God."

Pray: Devote, meditate, write down 3 things that you know and love about God. Then share them by texting a friend or posting them on social media with a scripture about the greatness of God.

Tuesday, January 14

Proverbs 8:17

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me."

Pray: Thank God for His love today. Listen to His Spirit speak of your value, beauty, strength, and your future. Listen...and realize you are loved. Take a walk and look at God's creation given for you to enjoy. Drink a cup of coffee, enjoy a sip of lemonade, enjoy a drive, and relish God's love for you.

Wednesday, January 15

Psalm 9:10

"Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you."

Pray: Speak the names of God that come to mind (*Jehovah*, *Yahweh*, *Almighty*, *Creator*, *Everlasting Father*, *Prince of Peace*, *Wonderful Counselor*). Put your trust in Him today. Write down these names in your journal or on a post-it note. Text a friend the names of God and see how many different names you can come up with by the end of the day.

Thursday, January 16

Psalm 63:1

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water."

Pray: Remind yourself of God's power and presence with each drink of water today (literally!). Think of Him, speak to Him, focus on His ability to quench your heart's thirst and satisfy your every need. Consider giving a drink to someone... a bottle of water, a purchased coffee or soda for the next person in line, a small cup handed to a child or neighbor.

Friday, January 17

2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Pray: As you seek the Lord, take time to confess any sin He brings to mind; recommit all that you think, say, do to be holy and pleasing to Him. Ask God to heal our broken world and give you grace to extend to others. Pray for revival in the church and spiritual awakening among the lost.

Saturday, January 18

Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Pray: Ask God what you are to do by faith and *then do it*. Desire to please Him and trust His faithfulness. Don't stop short of what He is asking! Step into His path and allow Him to direct your steps. Text a friend that you are taking a step of faith (i.e., to forgive someone, to give generously to a godly cause, to believe a promise of God about your identity, to share love with someone who is unlovely). Then please God as you seek Him and step out in faith.