

Pray ^{THE} Scriptures

Praying God's word is a powerful way to grow in your prayer life. You can personalize scripture, gain wisdom or peace, and deepen your faith by speaking Bible verses into your prayers. In the following pages are printable cards to use with Bible study, if you have a prayer need, or when you want to focus on a promise, praise, or character of God in a personal way.

Tips from my personal experience praying the scripture:

- **There are no perfect prayers;** God hears us when we pray, whether or not we have fancy words, a certain Bible translation, or many years of faith. Scripture gives us the words, especially when we aren't sure what to pray.
- **The Psalms, in particular, are a beautiful tool to speak back to God.** They are already prayers, which makes them a good place to start praying the word. I once heard a pastor say that the Psalms make up the only book in the Bible that were written in the context of speaking TO God, instead of hearing FROM God. As you pray Psalms, God hears praise, requests, and repentance, along with your heart for Him. The Psalms are express praise, our need for God, prayer requests, trust, expectant hope, human experience, and a desire to offer a surrendered heart to God, even when we are afraid, confused, or uncertain.
- Especially if you've never prayed using actual scripture, **it can help to recite the verse** of your choice, word for word, and then just talk to God about how the words are speaking to you, questions that come to mind from the verse, or how to better understand God, His direction, or your own heart.
- **Slow down.** Praying the scriptures is a wonderful way to memorize verses that will comfort you, encourage you, strengthen you, offer wisdom, and free you, when you need to call upon the power of God's word in any situation. You will find your style and what works for you.
- There are different ways Christians can pray with scriptures. **Allow the Spirit guide you** as you practice this in your prayer life.

Listed on the next page are two examples of how you can use a Bible verse as a prayer. On the last page are two blank cards to start recording your own scripture prayers. You may print them for personal use, trimming at the gray crosshatch marks, if you want to use them like index cards. On the last page there are 12 verses to help you start praying God's word.

May God bless you and increase your awareness of His voice in your life!

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"And you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."

— John 8:32 —
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Father, your word says I will know the truth, and that truth will set me free. Let me better understand Your truth so I may walk in the freedom I have through Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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"In the same way, the Spirit helps us
in our weakness. We do not know what
we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself
intercedes for us through wordless groans."

— Romans 8:26 —
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Lord, Your word says Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us. I don't know what to pray for, but I can trust, and be thankful for, the Spirit's prayers on my behalf. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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12 Verses to Start Praying God's Word

Below are just a few Bible verses to help you pray the scriptures on your own. I've written a few prayers, as samples, but remember, these should be personal to you. There is no perfect formula, in my experience. Sometimes, just reading a verse within your prayer is all you need to let God's word deepen your time with the Lord.

2 Samuel 22:31—"God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection."

Pray: Lord, your way is perfect. All of your promises prove true! You are a shield to those who look to you for protection. Help me to keep your promises in mind as I go through this day/challenge/season. Let me see the ways you're protecting my future in heaven, as well as the future you have for me here. I trust in your perfect way, Father! In Jesus' Name, Amen

Micah 7:18—"Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love."

Pray: Father, there is no other God, like you, who forgives his people, overlooking their sins. You delight in showing unfailing love! Thank you, Lord! Thank you for Christ's sacrifice that lets me walk in your unfailing love, fully forgiven. In His Name, Amen

Isaiah 43:4—"Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you."

Pray: God, you say that you have sacrificed for me, and call me precious and loved. Let me walk in this truth, knowing that, even when I may feel rejected and overlooked, I have your approval to stand confidently in my calling or daily life. Thank you for choosing me. I am a precious and loved child of God! Amen!

Zephaniah 3:17—"For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

Romans 12:2—"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Isaiah 12:2—"See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory."

Isaiah 26:3—"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"

Psalms 92:2-5—"It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening... (4) You thrill me, Lord, with all you have done for me! I sing for joy because of what you have done. (5) O Lord, what great works you do! And how deep are your thoughts."

Psalms 90:14—"Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives."

Psalms 143:8—"Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you. Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you."

Psalms 40:3—"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord."

1 Samuel 2:2—"No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."