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Psalm 1 Prayer Guide

HOW TO TURN SCRIPTURE INTO PRAYERS

The words of Psalm 1 can serve as prayer topics. Use the verses as reminders or springboards for prayer. Beneath each verse is a sample of how it can be used as a prayer guide.

Verse 1: **Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

"Don't let him listen to ungodly advice or follow the wisdom of this world; help him not to listen to the suggestions of evil men or be swept up into untruth. Don't let him follow ungodly friends or associate with those who despise the truth and sin against You; help him to choose good friends and to love the people of God. Help him to love those who love Your Word and listen to the advice of those who would seek Your counsel. Don't ever let him mock the things of God or make fun of truth; help him not to be ashamed of the gospel."

Verse 2: **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

"May he love Your Word; may the things of God be a delight to him. Help him to know the Word and to memorize the Word; may it be a ready defense for him in time of temptation or trial."

Verse 3: **He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

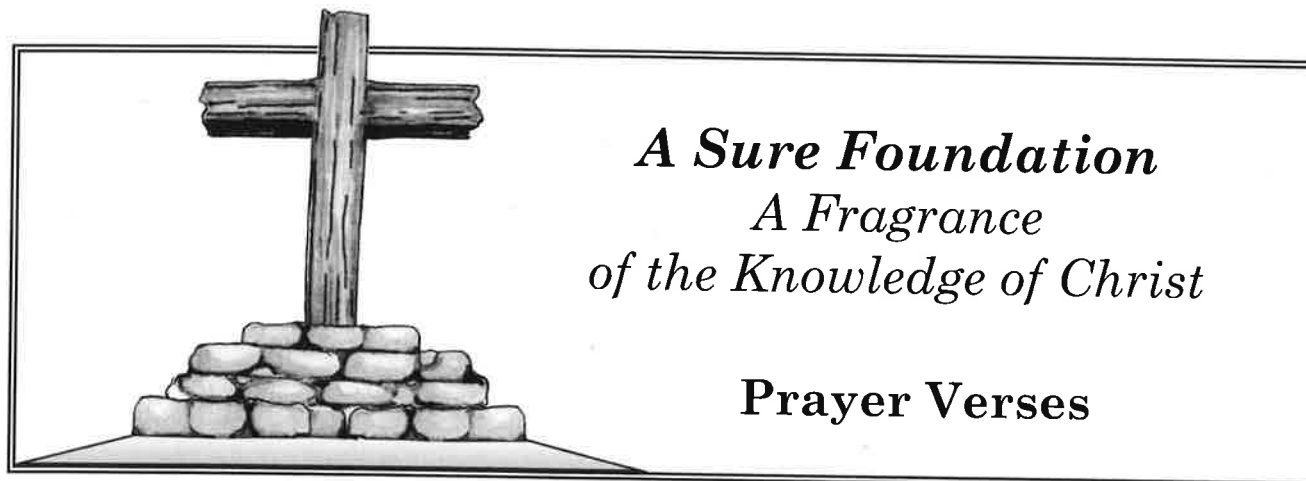
"Make Him strong in You; may he abide in You and bear much fruit. May he always prosper in the things of God; may he be full of truth and overflowing in love. May his life and character be marked with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Verses 4&5: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

“Unlike the wicked, may he stand strong in faith through all the storms of life. May he stand victorious to the end of his life so that he can stand before You pure and blameless claiming the blood of Jesus, his Redeemer.”

Verse 6: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

“Watch over his way all the days of his life. Thank You for being a faithful God and for working for Your children.”



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Prayer Verses

The following verses can easily be turned into prayers:

Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

John 1:12-13

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Psalm 119:10-11

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:33-37

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Proverbs 6:20-23

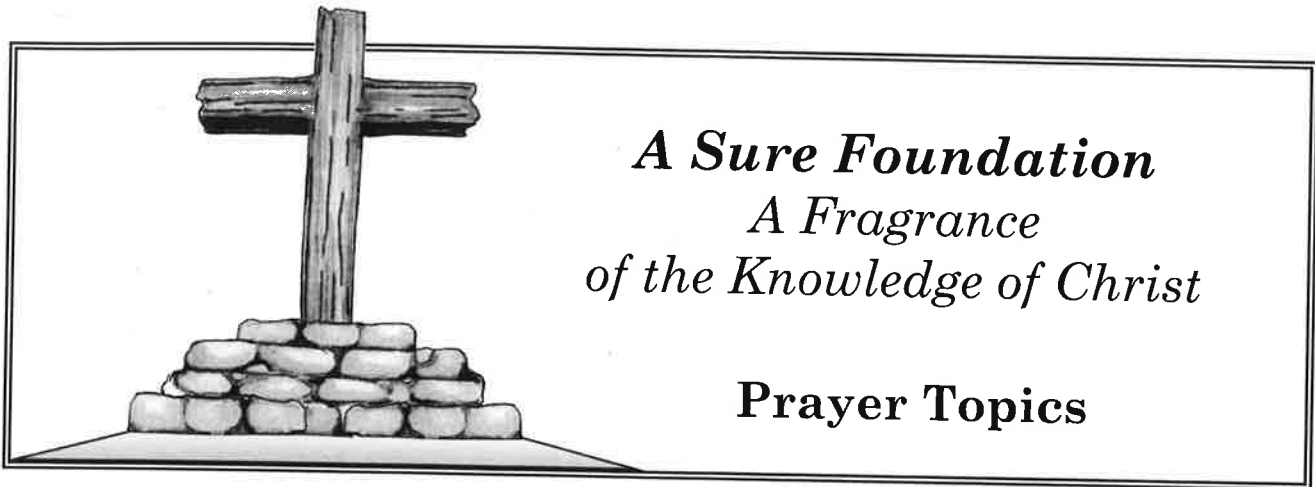
My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.

Proverbs 4:20-27

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

ADDITIONAL VERSES

(Note: Use a permanent marker to add your own verses to the prayer charts included in the Resource Packet.)



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Prayer Topics

1. Pray that the children will trust Christ as Savior at a young age and treasure their inheritance as children of God, that they will not accept Satan's design against them but walk in the light as heirs of the kingdom.
2. Pray that they will hate sin and love godliness.
3. Pray that they will appreciate discipline and instruction, and be quick to repent; that they will be caught when they sin; that they will not be stubborn before the Lord.
4. Pray that they will be protected from Satan and evil. Pray that they will stand firm in persecution. Pray that they will be patient in affliction and look to God, trusting in His faithfulness, when they have problem.
5. Pray that they will be responsible and loving in their relationships with others. Pray that they will walk in humility and look to the needs of others.
6. Pray that they will submit to God's lordship over them and those He has placed in authority over them.
7. Pray that they will choose godly influences, that they will be led to good friends and away from bad friends; that they would marry a godly mate.
8. Pray that they would desire inner beauty and godly character, and that they would grow more Christ-like daily; that they and their future mates will be kept pure, both before and after marriage.
9. Pray that they will learn to walk in God's ways and actively resist Satan in all circumstances.
10. Pray that they will be fully devoted to Jesus Christ and joyfully invested in the cause of the kingdom.
11. Pray that they would grow in faith and obedience and in love for God; that they would "love not the world, nor the things of the world." Pray that that they would love the Lord with all their heart, mind and soul; that they would fear the Lord.
12. Pray that they would treasure God's Word and stand up for truth; that they would be free from deception and the lies of the evil one, and have great understanding of the Word.