

Pray: Pray to the God Who is Powerful (Psalm 8)

Begin your time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to lead you in truth and teach you through God's Word. As you complete each devotional, ask God that you would not be just a hearer of the Word but a doer also. (James 1:22) Be in continual prayer for those around you who do not yet love Jesus.

Monday

Read Psalm 8 in ESV and NIV

The more we sense his majesty and the more we realize our dependence on him, the more readily we go to him for every need.-Tim Keller

1. Why do you think Paul begins and ends with the same declaration?
2. What is the role of praise and adoration to God in prayer?
3. What is the contrast between verses 1 and 2? Why does the writer choose a baby to describe how God defeats the enemy?
4. In verses 3 and 4 the writer describes how overwhelmed and small he feels as he reflects on the "works of God's hand." What role does this overwhelming and recognition of being small play in our prayer life? How do you think that can create a healthy prayer life?

Tuesday

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Praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment. -C.S Lewis

1. Compare Psalm 8:6 with 1 Corinthians 15. How are the two different writers describing the same truth? What are the comparisons?
2. What do Psalm 8:1, 9 and Exodus 3:14 tell you about the nature of God?
3. In verses 1 and 9 the writer is not only describing God but praising him. What is the difference? Why is it important to understand the differences between the two? And what does it look like applied in your life?

Wednesday

Read Psalm 8 in ESV and NIV

Praise and adoration are the necessary preconditions for proper formulation and motivation of all other kinds of prayer. -Tim Keller

1. What does verse 4 tell you about how God views us? How does this benefit or change your view of prayer?
2. What does verse 5 tell you about the unique position in all of creation? See Genesis 1:27 for further reading.
3. What can you learn about prayer from verses 6-8?
4. If you look back into the original language, verse 9 can be translated, "O Yahweh, our Adonai" Yahweh is speaking of God's faithfulness and covenant, while Adonai is speaking to God's sovereignty. Does this help you understand the chapter better and what the writer is describing? Why or why not? How does understanding these two descriptions of God help your prayer life?

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Thursday

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*Adapted from Tim Keller

Daily Prayer Patterns: Here is one way to help you make prayer a part of your daily rhythm.

Morning Prayer

Read and pray Psalm 95.

Read two chapters in the Bible and meditate on your favorite verses.

Midday Prayer (on your lunch break)

Read and pray Psalm 103.

Take time for self-examination so far today. Have you been quick tempered and proud or gracious and humble? Have you been cold and indifferent or warm and kind? Have you been anxious and stressed or depending on God? Have you been cowardly or truthful?

Pray for the challenges of the day and moment.

Evening Prayer

Read and pray two Psalms.

Confess and repent of any sins of the day. Confess your need for him and gratitude for sending Jesus as a ransom for our sins.

Pray for the people with needs you met today.

Pray for family, friends, opponents, neighbors, people you know with cares, burdens and afflictions, the church, your church, the needs of your community, city and the needs of the world.

Prayer Before Sleeping

Express your gratitude and praise to God for who he is and what he has done for you.

Friday

Read Psalm 8 in ESV and NIV and review your answers from this week's questions.

1. What truths impacted you the most within this week's passage of Psalms?
2. What aspect of God's character has this passage in Psalms shown you more clearly?
3. What one step will you take in light of these truths?

Saturday

Read Psalm 13 in ESV

Catch up on any days you may have missed throughout the week.

Pray for our service tomorrow, that God would rescue us all from the delusions that we can make it on our own. Pray that our hearts would be flooded by the overwhelming power of God's presence and that God would speak through the preaching of His Word, setting the captives free and strengthening our faith. Pray that God would open someone's eyes while the gospel is being preached, that they would come from death to life in Jesus.

