

PRAYER

Scripture and Song Meditations



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Presented here is a collection of Bible verses and hymns to use for personal, small group, or congregational worship. Bible verses are paired with hymns to create a smooth and cohesive flow of the spoken Word with music (either instrumental or singing). The format is very similar to the familiar “Lessons and Carols” format commonly used at Christmas time. No sheet music is provided since the music follows standard hymnal arrangements found on hymnary.org.

“Prayer” is the theme for this set of “Scripture and Song Meditations.” Below is the outline of Bible verses and hymns included in this devotional guide and corresponds to the YouTube video. Only the first verse of each song is included forming a presentation just over 20 minutes in length. Customizing the outline below to better meet your personal or church preferences could include the following modifications:

- include more verses for some of the songs for added program length
- read from a different Bible version that is more familiar or more contemporary
- have various instrumental and vocal musicians present each song
- have a variety of people of all ages take turns reading the Scriptures

All Scripture readings are taken from “The World English Bible (WEB)” The WEB is a Public Domain (no copyright) Modern English translation of the Holy Bible

OPENING SONG: Whisper a Prayer

*Whisper a prayer in the morning,
Whisper a prayer at noon,
Whisper a prayer in the evening,
To keep your heart in tune.*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 51:1-3, 9-13

*Have mercy on me, God, according to your loving kindness.
According to the multitude of your tender mercies,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly before me.
Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean.
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all of my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.
Don’t throw me from your presence,
and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Uphold me with a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways. Sinners will be converted to you.*

SONG: Search Me, O Lord

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:5-13

*When you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites,
for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues
and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.
Most certainly, I tell you, they have received their reward.
But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room,
and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret;
and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
In praying, don't use vain repetitions as the Gentiles do;
for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking.
Therefore don't be like them, for your Father
knows what things you need before you ask him.
Pray like this:
Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.
Let your Kingdom come.
Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.
Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

SONG: Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

SCRIPTURE: James 1:5-8

*But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,
who gives to all liberally and without reproach,
and it will be given to him.
But let him ask in faith, without any doubting,
for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea,
driven by the wind and tossed.
For that man shouldn't think that he will receive anything from the Lord.
He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 4:16

*Let's therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and may find grace for help in time of need.*

SONG: Father, Lead Me Day by Day

*Father, lead me day by day
Ever in thine own sweet way;
Teach me to be pure and true,
Show me what I ought to do.*

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 7:14

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

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:41

*Watch and pray, that you don't enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:6-7

*In nothing be anxious, but in everything,
by prayer and petition with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.*

SONG: Did You Think to Pray?

*When you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ our Savior, did you seek His loving favor,
As a shield today?
Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So in sorrow and in gladness, Don't forget to pray.*

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 29:11-14

*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says Yahweh,
"thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future.
You shall call on me, and you shall go and pray to me,
and I will listen to you. You shall seek me, and find me,
when you search for me with all your heart.
I will be found by you," says Yahweh.*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 5:1-3

*Give ear to my words, Yahweh. Consider my meditation.
Listen to the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for I pray to you.
Yahweh, in the morning you will hear my voice.
In the morning I will lay my requests before you, and will watch expectantly.*

SONG: In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:9

*I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given you.
Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking,
and it will be opened to you.*

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:26

*In the same way, the Spirit also helps our weaknesses,
for we don't know how to pray as we ought.
But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us
with groanings which can't be uttered.*

SONG: I Must Tell Jesus

*I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone.
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 5:14-15

*This is the boldness which we have toward him,
that if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us.
And if we know that he listens to us, whatever we ask,
we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.*

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Always rejoice. Pray without ceasing.
In everything give thanks,
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you*

SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them.

SONG: Tell It to Jesus

*Are you weary, are you heavy hearted?
Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus;
Are you grieving over joys departed?
Tell it to Jesus alone.
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus,
He is a friend that's well-known;
You've no other such a friend or brother,
Tell it to Jesus alone.*

SCRIPTURE: James 5:13-18

*Is any among you suffering? Let him pray.
Is any cheerful? Let him sing praises.
Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly,
and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord,
and the prayer of faith will heal him who is sick,
and the Lord will raise him up.
If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
Confess your offenses to one another,
and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective.
Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,
and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain,
and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months.
He prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 2:1

*I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions,
and giving of thanks be made for all men.*

SONG: For You I Am Praying

*I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving Savior, though earth-friends be few;
And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me,
But O, that my Savior were your Savior too!
For you I am praying, for you I am praying,
For you I am praying, I'm praying for you.*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 6:9
Yahweh has heard my supplication. Yahweh accepts my prayer.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34:15, 17-19
*Yahweh's eyes are toward the righteous.
His ears listen to their cry.
The righteous cry, and Yahweh hears,
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
Yahweh is near to those who have a broken heart,
and saves those who have a crushed spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but Yahweh delivers him out of them all.*

SONG: I Need Thee Every Hour
*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:3
*Call to me, and I will answer you,
and will show you great and difficult things, which you don't know.*

SCRIPTURE: John 15:7
*If you remain in me, and my words remain in you,
you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 145:18
*Yahweh is near to all those who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.*

CLOSING SONG: Whisper a Prayer
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