

WEEK 1 DAY 1: Talking with our heavenly Father

This is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven.'

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

□ To all who did receive 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.

The Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. □ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'

God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, his holy dwelling-place. □ God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. □ When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Lord, teach us to pray.

*GAL 3:26 □ John 1:12, 13. Rom 8:15, 16 □ Gal 4:6.
2 Chr 30:27 □ Eccl 5:3 □ Matt 6:7, 8. Luke 11:1.*

WEEK 1 DAY 2: We are invited to pray

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. □ Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. □ The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honour me. □ Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. □ The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' □ The prayer of the upright pleases him. □ Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

JAS 4:8. Matt 7:7 □ John 16:23, 24.

Isa 55:6 □ Phil 4:6.

Ps 50:15 □ 1 Ki 18:42 □ Jas 5:16.

Isa 45:19 □ Prov 15:8 □ Ps 81:10.

WEEK 1 DAY 3: Access to God through Christ

There I will meet you.

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. □ There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus. □ Through him we ... have access to the Father by one Spirit.

A person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. □ Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. □ In Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. □ [Jesus] is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. □ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

As for me, it is good to be near God.

*EXOD 29:42. Mark 15:37, 38 □ 1 Tim 2:5 □ Eph 2:18.
Rom 3:28 □ Rom 3:24 □ Eph 2:13.
Eph 3:12 □ Heb 7:24, 25. Heb 4:16 □ Ps 73:28.*

WEEK 1 DAY 4: The Spirit of prayer

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication.

Praying in the Holy Spirit. □ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and of life. □ Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. □ How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

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. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. □ Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

*ZECH 12:10.
Jude 20 □ John 6:63 □ Rom 8:14 □ Luke 11:13.
Rom 8:26, 27. 2 Cor 3:6 □ 2 Cor 3:17 . Eph 6:18.*

WEEK 1 DAY 5: Praying together – 'our' Father

Where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. □ They all joined together constantly in prayer. □ They raised their voices together in prayer to God. □ Our Father.

Called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours. □ You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

We prayed to our God and posted a guard. □ Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven. □ Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.

MATT 18:20.

Mal 3:16 □ Acts 1:14 □ Acts 4:24 □ Matt 6:9.

1 Cor 1:2 □ 1 Pet 2:9.

Neh 4:9 □ Dan 2:17, 18 □ Acts 12:5. Heb 10:25.

WEEK 1 DAY 6: Confident prayer

Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence.

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. □ Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience. □ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked from him.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

HEB 4:16. Heb 11:1 □ Mark 11:22, 23.

Heb 10:22 □ 1 Jn 5:14, 15. Ps 27:13, 14.