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Prayer @ Home

DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.



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Church Family,

Welcome to the next installment of our family devotional time on prayer. We are so glad that your family is working together towards a better relationship with God, through prayer. What a huge legacy for your family. Your children will never forget you sharing the Word of God.

A new devotional packet will be available every month. Plan a time that works best for you. While there will be one lesson per month, feel free to meet more frequently, adding supplements that interest you. There are activities for various ages. Pick and choose what works best for your family and we encourage you to add to it!

Spring has quickly sprung around Terrell and Summer will be here before we know it. It would be a great time to break up your devotion time and do it outdoors if possible. This month's Bible lesson is about the feeding of the 5,000. So why not have a picnic theme and do your devotion while having some family fun? There are all kinds of snacks you could do from the little goldfish crackers or Swedish candy fish, etc... you get the idea! Can't get away? Consider laying a blanket out in the family room and sit around and do your devotional there this month. Are you getting the idea that flexibility will go far in teaching your children about the Bible? You probably have a lot more creative ideas than I do, so go have a great family day!

We are here to minister together. We are family, in our church, and in our community of Terrell. Please feel free to contact me at ryan@fbcterrell.org. I would love to help. I am excited for you. Let's get started!

In Him,
Ryan

Before I added this paper into the packet, I stopped and prayed for you, for you to be encouraged and for God's blessing and protection for your family. Thank you for taking this journey on prayer. May God bless you!

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Last month we focused on the greatness of God and how we need to spend special time in prayer, just in praise for Him. This month, we will focus on other areas of prayer that are mentioned in the Lord's prayer.

YIELDING TO GOD'S DIRECTION

THY KINGDOM COME

This phrase has us acknowledge to God our need for His help for us to walk in obedience and faithfulness to Him. By praying this we are asking Him to be in charge overall in the world.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

If we know what Heaven is like, Peace. Love. Joy. We should be praying for it to be so here on Earth as well. And we should live our lives making it so.



There is a place near Orlando, FL where wishes come true. It is one of the most amazing places that I have visited. No, it's not Disney World. The people visiting here are in an exclusive club, a club that no one wants to be a part of, they are a family with a child with a life threatening medical condition. It is called Give Kids the World. Wish children and their families come to escape their medical troubles for a week. It truly is fairy tale inspired. Life size candy land game, ice cream for breakfast, warm chocolate chip cookies at bedtime and a tuck into bed delivered by the Mayor himself (who happens to be a rabbit). Want to see Mickey Mouse? He comes to the village for a one on one picture. For an entire week, anything the wish child requests is granted. No is not in their vocabulary. They do everything humanly possible to make every wish come true.

It is easy for us to think of God as a wish giver, isn't it? What is one thing you remember wishing for as a child? I remember many Sunday evenings praying for no school on Monday. For some reason, God never seemed to answer that prayer in my favor. If you are like me, there have been times that I have looked at God as a wish giver and delivered my list to Him quite faithfully and in detail.

Sometimes it is hard to distinguish needs from desires. It is true that God cares and He does give us pleasures in life. Often the Bible verse .."and He will give you the desires of your heart", is taken out of context. To understand it correctly, you have to go back and look at the first part of that verse. "Delight yourself in the Lord...". Delight in this verse is translated from the Hebrew word "anag", which means to be soft and pliable. God wants us to have hearts that are soft and pliable for Him to shape our hearts according to His will.

Have you ever been through a particularly tough time? Of course, covid has not been a friend to any of us. Think of something that affected just you or just your family. Maybe a lost job, a sick loved one. Maybe you have financial reversals. It is so easy for us to start looking around and comparing ourselves to others. It is especially hard when it appears that people that are not living a life pleasing to the Lord appear to prosper. Add in social media where people seemingly have a perfect life. A perfect dinner plate. A perfect haircut. Their kids are perfect. Their pets are perfect. Their spouse is perfect. Or so it seems. It is all a filter. The Bible teaches us that Jesus said there will be trouble in this world.

Asking for God's protection

The next section of
the Lord's prayer is

Matthew 6:11

"Give us this day our
daily bread."

We have many needs,
physical needs, emotional
needs, spiritual needs. God
cares about EACH one.



You may ask what praying for our daily bread really has to do with us?

Most of us have food that we take that for granted each day. Some are not as fortunate. This verse reminds me that we are sinners. Huh? you ask?

The very first sin, Adam and Eve taking the forbidden fruit came as a dissatisfaction with God's provision. Because of that, food no longer is as easily available because the ground of the earth is cursed. If you readily have food, consider yourself blessed. Please don't take it for granted.

Isn't it interesting that Satan tempted Jesus with food too? Matt 4:4 says " But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" For us, food is a vulnerable area of our lives.

By praying for our daily bread, it reminds us of God's goodness.

Matthew 7:7-11

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

God is abundantly good to us, far beyond anything we could deserve. As Pastor Lowrie has said "Don't ask God to give you what you deserve." He is good beyond the fact that we are unworthy sinners.

By praying this verse, it reminds us that we have hope in Jesus.

By Jesus dying on the cross for our sins, He gave us a way to spend eternity with Him in Heaven. With that hope, we can look forward to a new Heaven and Earth, one that doesn't have the curse of the ground mentioned above.

The Bible speaks of food in Heaven. As Christians, we look forward to the day where we no longer have to earn bread by the sweat of our brow. We long for the day that our daily bread is given by our Savior in Heaven.

If you haven't secured your relationship with Jesus, please contact us today. Our contact info is on the last page of this packet. Don't delay. Let us show you how!

BIBLE STORY

Read John 6: 1-15

This story is such an amazing gem full of God's grace and blessing. I love this story because the math just doesn't add up. There are just too many lessons you could learn from this story to mention them all here. But I will point out a few...

I love to think about the little boy. Likely his mom fixed his lunch for him that day. When he went out for his day of adventures, he didn't realize that God had given him the provisions of a miracle. Are we on a brink of a miracle? Maybe for ourselves, maybe for others?



Jesus didn't condemn the people for not being prepared with food. He didn't use money to solve their problem. Do we trust Him to meet our needs in His way? He doesn't always do things in our way or our timing.

1. Why did the crowd gather on the hillside?
2. Why were the disciples wanting to send people away?
3. If you were the little boy with the lunch, what would you have done? Would you have felt why bother, it's not enough?
4. What are some spiritual applications you see in this story?

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What miracle are you waiting for today? Do you realize the same Jesus that provided a need for these people is here for you? This story is also found in Matthew 14: 13-21. I want to point out verse 19: "He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, and they all ate and were satisfied."

After the prayer, Jesus broke the loaves and then the miracle happened. Sometimes He has to break us for our miracle. So if you are tired, remember God isn't tired. He is always faithful. Trust in His timing. Trust His character for your needs. Don't be anxious. In the end, you will be satisfied!

Have you noticed that Jesus didn't pass the food out Himself? He sent His disciples to feed the multitudes. Friend, it is our job to share the goodness of Christ with a starving world.

What would happen

if we asked and then trusted God to provide our needs and focused our energy on asking God to allow us to be a part of someone else's miracle?

**Will you take 1 minute
of your day to pray with
us?**



PRAY FOR YOUR NEEDS

PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

PRAY FOR OTHER'S NEEDS

PRAY FOR GOD TO ALLOW YOU TO BE A

VESSEL FOR SOMEONE'S NEED TO BE MET.

THEN WAIT. PATIENTLY. WAIT FOR YOUR NEEDS IN
FAITH. LOOK FOR WAYS GOD CAN USE YOU TO
PROVIDE PHYSICAL NEEDS. LOOK FOR WAYS TO
ENCOURAGE PEOPLE SPIRITUALLY.

MEMORY VERSE

Just like the boy in our story, we can offer what we have to God. He can use those things to help people physically and spiritually.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

John 6:35

Memory Verse Game:

Write out each word of the verse on a separate piece of paper. After you review the verse a few times, scramble the cards and see how quickly you can line the words up in the correct order.

**In the blank below,
write how this verse could be
applied to your life.**

Dear Jesus,
I thank you for our daily bread. I
trust you will meet our need for
_____. I love you.
Thank you for being there for me.
In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTIVITY PAGE

$$(\text{bread} \times 5) + (\text{fish} \times 2) = ?$$





RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY

P Our pastor always welcomes you to come to him to ask for prayer.
R John@FBCTerrell.org
A Our staff prays for our church family and any prayer requests given to the church. You can reach us at
Y FBCTstaff@gmail.com or go online to
E [FBCTerrell.org/prayer](https://fbcterrell.org/ministries/prayer-ministry)
R Did you know we have a prayer ministry? Gloria Williams heads that up for us. **For more info,**
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