

lakesidekids

prayer guide



COLOR A PICTURE OF AN ANSWERED PRAYER.

DEAR FRIEND,

We are proud of you for beginning, or continuing, this powerful journey and discovery of your own personal prayer life. This book was developed to help explain what prayer is, how to pray, and how important prayer is to your everyday life. Prayer is one of the most important things you can do as a Christian. The Word tells us that the Lord comes near to all who call on him, that is the purpose of prayer. Whether goods times or tough times, we want to draw near to the Lord and the Lord to draw near to us. Our Prayer is that this book helps you and the Lord draw closer to each other.

Praying with Jesus is not only something that we need in our lives, but something that we should want in our lives. The more we learn about prayer, the easier it becomes. Prayer is not something to fear and it is not meant to be difficult. Prayer is meant to be a conversation with God. Giving thanks for all he has done, requesting the things that are on your heart, and listening for him to speak to you. We believe as your go through this book your conversation with God will grow. When you find out how to have real conversations with the Lord every day, then you will experience a presence of God and that will change your life in the best way possible.

As you learn how to pray, I challenge you to make it a part of your everyday life.

Pray:

- Before the day begins –
- Before you go to school –
- Before you hang out with your friends
- Before practice –
- Before you play a big game –
- Before you go to bed –
- When something bad happens –
- When something good happens –
- In every situation – PRAY FIRST!

Prayer has changed my life, and it is going to change yours to.

Grace Hucks, Central Kids Director



COLOR A PICTURE OF
SOMETHING YOU ARE
BELIEVING GOD FOR.

PRAYERS FOR ME

MY PRAYER JOURNAL

LIFESTYLE PRAYER

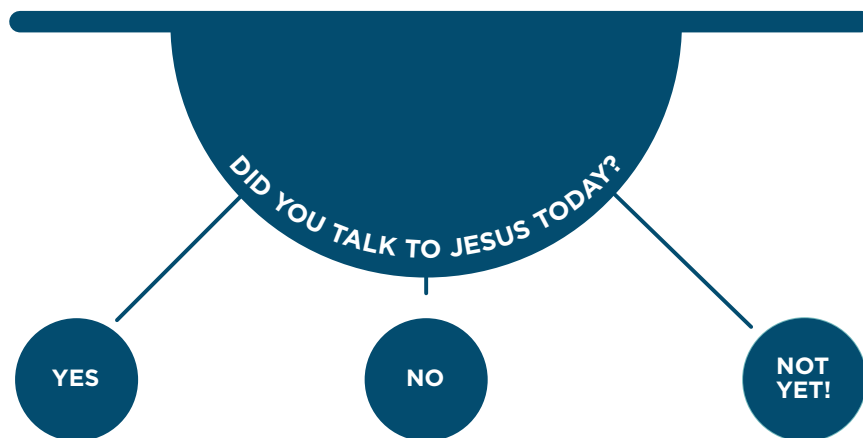
Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (Mark 1:35)

Here's what we see:

He prayed every day.
He prayed in a certain place.
He prayed with a plan.

1. TIME

We see that Jesus had a certain time that He prayed every day. The Bible says that Jesus got up very early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father and pray. He had a specific time that He always knew was His prayer time. We should do the same.



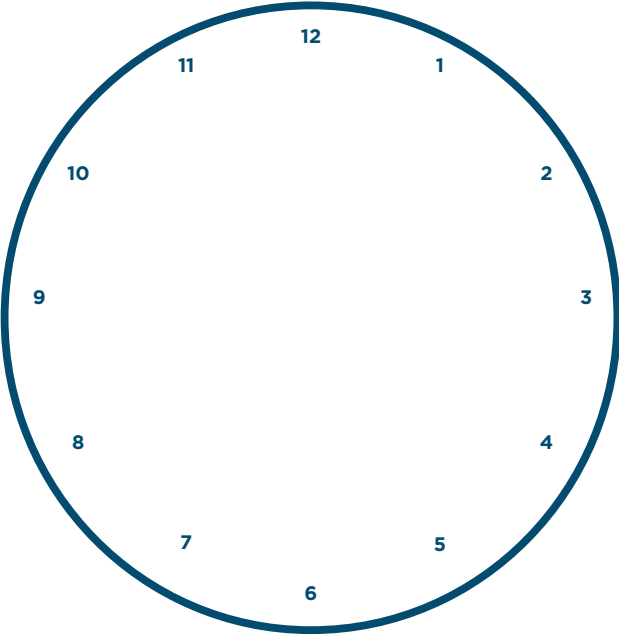
When will your prayer time be? Use a pencil to circle your answer or answers!

WHEN I WAKE UP

IN THE AFTERNOON

BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP

USE A PENCIL AND FILL
IN THE TIME THAT YOU
PRAYED TODAY!



PRAYERS FOR ME



MY PRAYER NEEDS

Eight horizontal lines for writing prayer needs, with a thicker dark blue line at the bottom.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Fill in the lists below with names of those in each category that you can be praying for.

MY GOVERNMENT _____

MY CHURCH _____

MY SCHOOL _____

MY FAMILY _____

MY FRIENDS _____

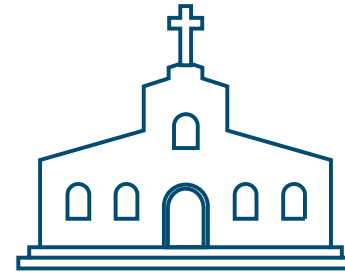
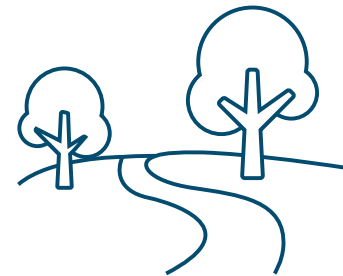
PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS _____

2. PLACE

We see that Jesus had a certain place that He would go to pray. We need to have a place that doesn't have any distractions, noises, or things that would keep us from focusing on Jesus.

My favorite place to pray is: _____

**COLOR IN THE PLACE
BELOW WHERE YOU
LIKE TO PRAY
TO JESUS.**



3. PLAN

We also see in the Bible that whenever Jesus prayed, He always had a plan. He had things on His heart that He wanted to pray for, and knew how He wanted to pray for them.

WRITE DOWN OR DRAW
A PICTURE BELOW
OF THE PEOPLE AND
THINGS YOU CAN PRAY
FOR TODAY!

Jesus,

Thank You that I am important to You.

Thank You that You are always watching over me and protecting me.

I pray that You will cover me with the protection of Your blood and surround me with Your angels.

I run to the name of Jesus, my strong tower.

Thank You for being my rock and strong defender.

Please protect my family and me from every evil attack.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Read out loud Psalm 91 when you are finished praying.

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

Jesus always wants to keep us safe because He loves us. There are three great things we can use to protect ourselves.

1. THE NAME OF JESUS

Jesus tells us that He will protect us and keep us. He will cover us with His wings. The Bible says that the name of the Lord is a Strong Tower that we can run to so we can be kept safe.

2. THE COVERING OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS

When Jesus died on the cross for us, His precious blood was shed. And that blood saved us, washes our sin away, and it protects us.

3. THE WORD OF GOD (THE BIBLE)

The Bible is full of prayers of protection. It is such a powerful weapon against the enemy. We can pray God's Word over us and our family. Psalm 91 is one of those great prayers of protection.

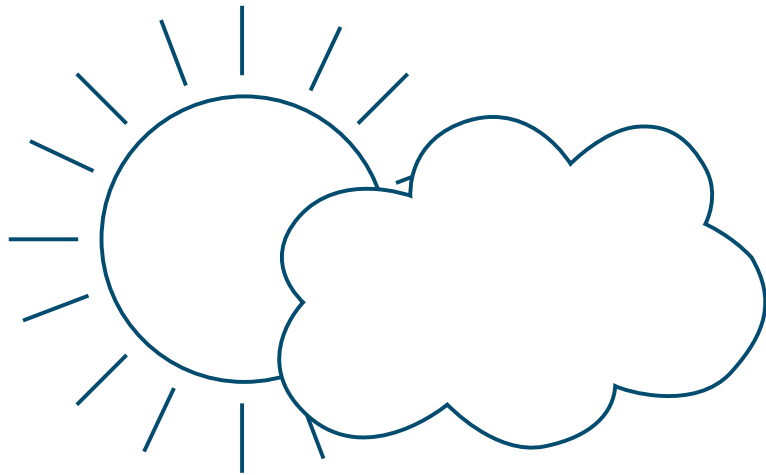
THE LORD'S PRAYER

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of his disciples said to him "Lord teach us to pray..."
(Luke 11:1)

"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

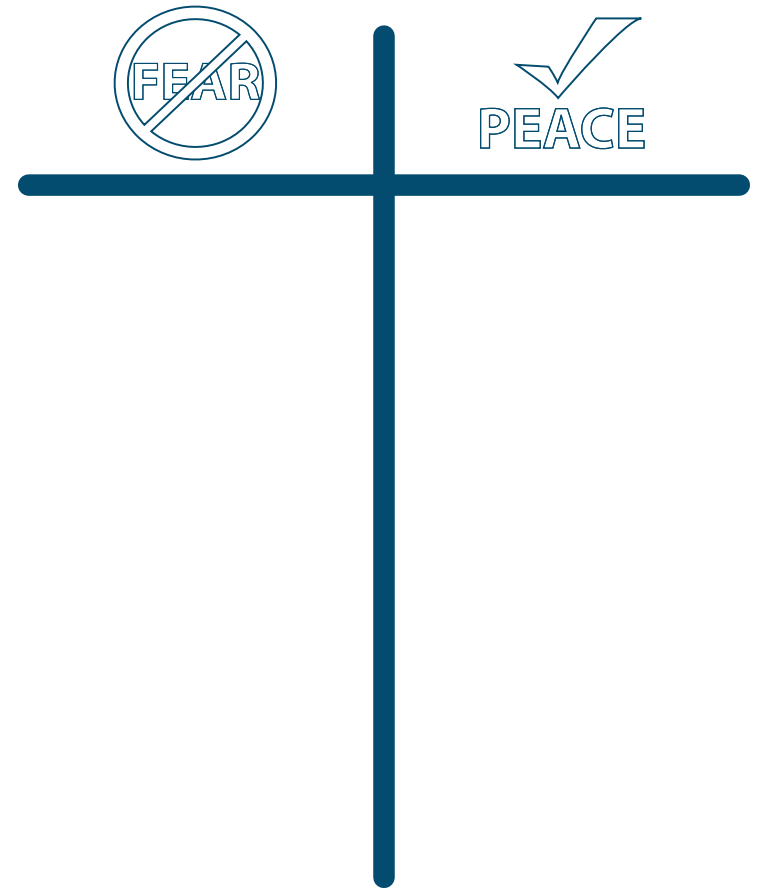
(Matthew 6:9-13)

“ OUR FATHER IN
HEAVEN ... ”

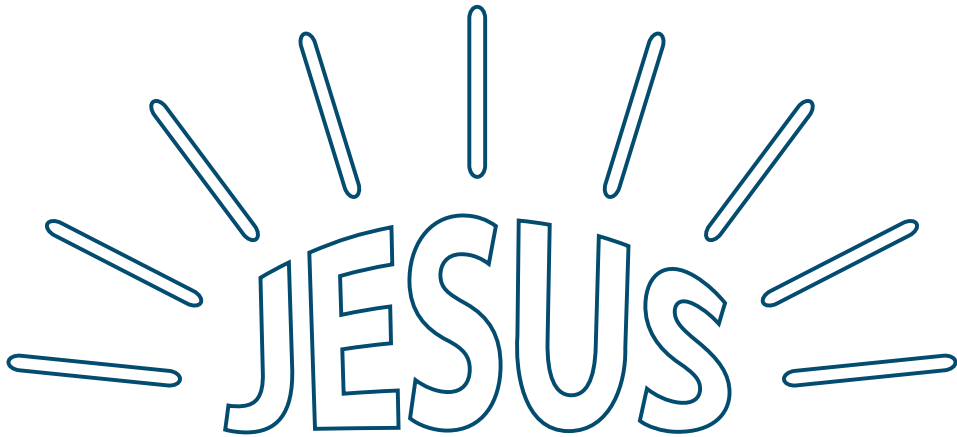


Connect with God. He is your loving father.

LIST BELOW WHAT YOU
DON'T NEED TO BE
AFRAID OF AND THE
THINGS YOU CAN HAVE
PEACE ABOUT!



“ ... HALLOWED BE
YOUR NAME ... ”



JESUS

Worship His name.

*God's name is a place of protection - good people can run
there and be safe.
(Proverbs 18:10 MSG)*

PRAYERS FOR WHEN I FEEL ALONE

*I will never leave you or let you be alone.
(Hebrews 13:5b NLT)*

*I am with you always.
(Matthew 28:20)*

Jesus,

Thank You that You are my best friend.

Thank You that You never leave me, and that I never have to feel alone.

As You are with me today, help me follow You and make good choices.

Help me forgive anyone who has hurt me.

Thank You for the comfort that Your Spirit brings me.

Help me be like You and choose to love people the way You would love people.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR MY FAMILY

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12)

Jesus,

Today I thank You for my family.

I thank You that You love us and want the best for us.

I pray You would give (say their names) and me wisdom today to make good choices and do the things You would want us to do.

I pray that You will bless us so that we can be a blessing to others.

I pray You will give us favor and influence.

I pray You would lead us and guide us through the whole day and I pray that You will watch over everything we do.

I pray that You would cover us, protect us, and keep us far from any harm so that we can do good things for You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

MATCH WHO HE IS WITH WHAT HE CAN DO!

Healer

God is on my side and will fight for me.

Friend

God is in charge and wants the best for me.

Peace

I will choose joy because God is my joy.

Forgiveness

He is my hope for every situation.

Love

He forgives me for anything I have done and will do.

Hope

Jesus loves me the most.

Joy

He brings me peace no matter what I go through.

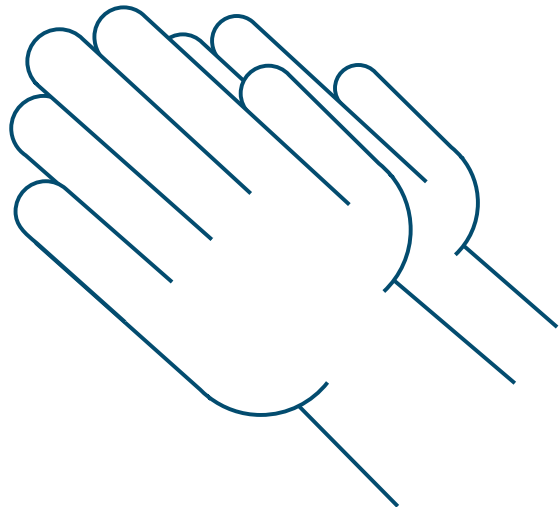
King

He is always with me.

Protector

God heals all our diseases.

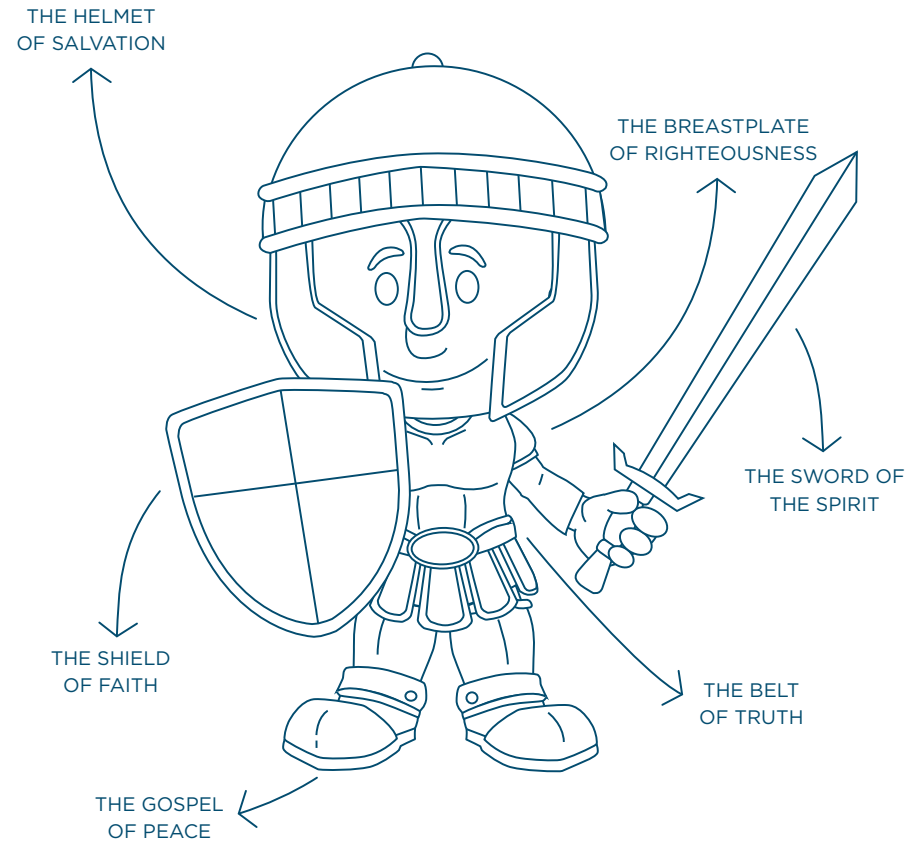
“ ...YOUR KINGDOM
COME, YOUR WILL BE
DONE. ON EARTH AS
IT IS IN HEAVEN... ”



Pray for what He wants (Pray His agenda first).

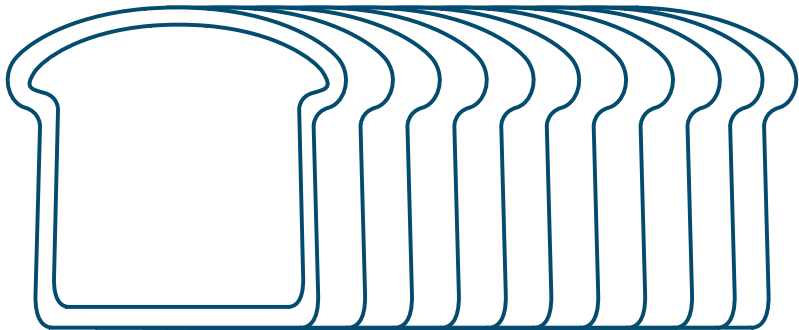
*He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make
the Kingdom of God your primary concern.
(Luke 12:31 TLB)*

THE ARMOR OF GOD



Ephesians 6:11-18

“ ... GIVE US THIS DAY
OUR DAILY BREAD ... ”



Ask God for what you want and need, and then trust Him to provide for you.

*I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!
(Psalms 121:1-2 NLT)*

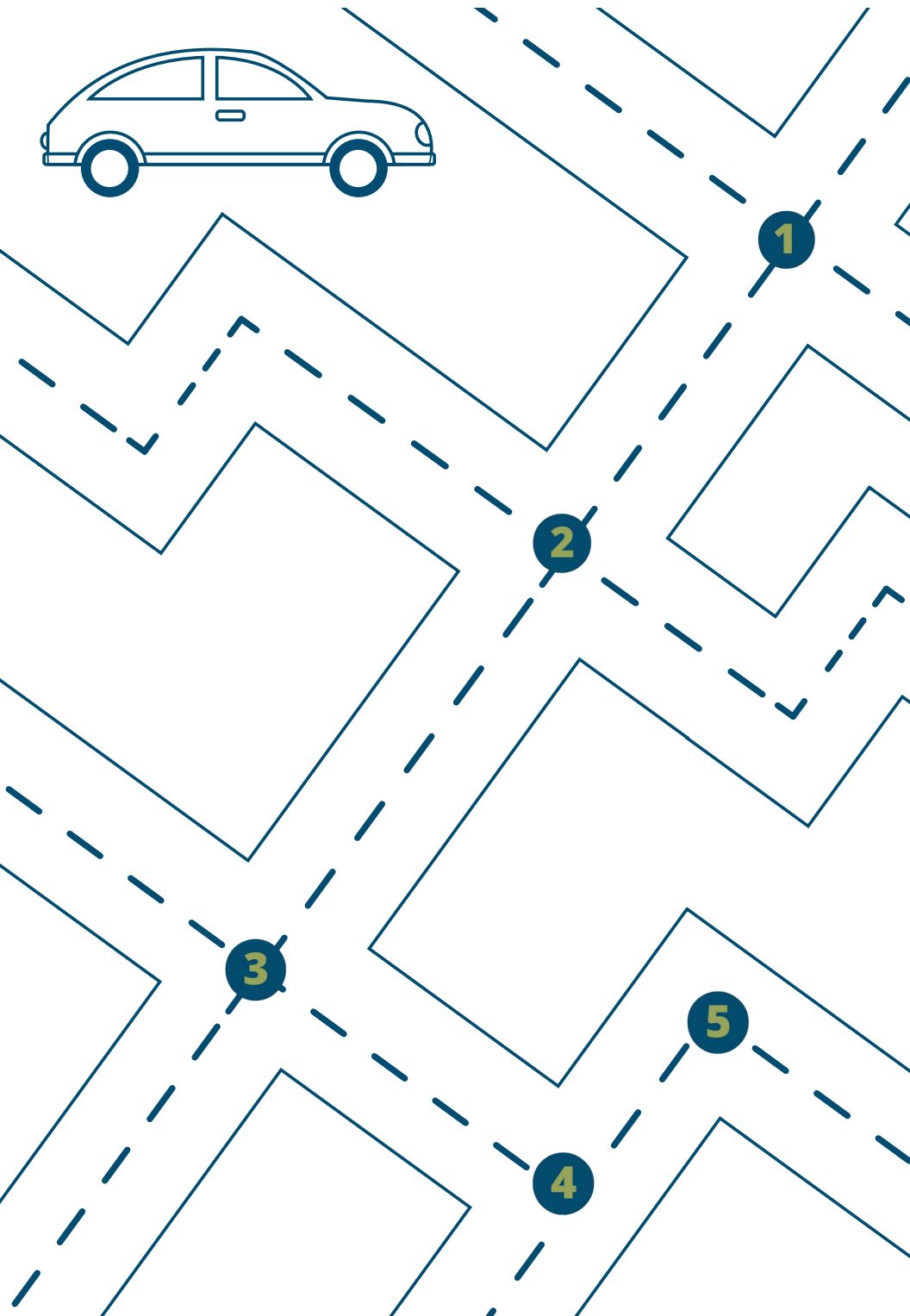
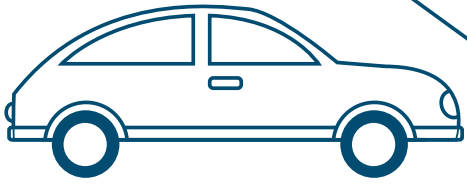
PRAYERS FOR WHEN I NEED HELP

Pray through the armor of God.

Read Ephesians 6:11-18 and then say a prayer to God like the one on the next page to put on your armor!

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, and with your **feet fitted with the readiness** that comes from the **gospel of peace**. In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God. And 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.”

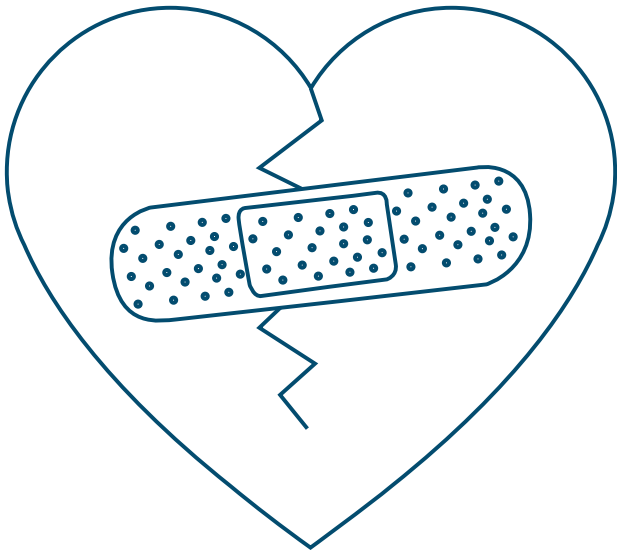
(Ephesians 6:11-18)



WHAT ARE YOU TRUSTING GOD FOR?

Write some of your answers below.

**“ ... AND FORGIVE US OUR
DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE
OUR DEBTORS ... ”**



Make sure your heart is right with God and with people.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.
(1 John 1:9)*

**ASK GOD TO LEAD YOU
EVERY DAY.**

Have you ever been lost and not known where you were going? It's not a fun feeling. The easiest way to avoid this is to ask for directions from someone with a map. Jesus has the map to life and has the best plan for our life.

**Follow the numbers 1-5 and color in the road map on the next page
as you ask Jesus to lead you today!**

1. Thank You, Jesus, for the plan you have for me!
2. Today I choose your plan for my life, because I know it's the best plan there is!
3. Lead me. Give me words to say. Help me think good thoughts.
4. Help me to be kind to people, be wise, and make good choices.
5. Jesus, please make me more like You every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Proverbs 3: 5-7; Psalm 131:1-3, Isaiah 30:21)

GIVE THANKS EVERY DAY.

Having a thankful heart is something that Jesus loves. Giving thanks to God makes even bad days good. A jump start to praying this way is below. Fill in the blanks and add your own words of thankfulness!

Hi Dad!

I am so thankful for You and all that You have given me.

Today, I thank You for my family!

I pray that for my family You would _____ .

I thank You that I get to wake up and have a new day!

I pray today for _____ .

Thank You for the food I get to eat, the clothes I get to wear, and the house I get to live in.

Thank You for _____ .

Thank You for dying for me and saving me.

Help me be more like You, Jesus.

I am so thankful for You! I love You! (*Psalms 96:1-2*)

In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASK JESUS TO LOOK INSIDE YOUR HEART:

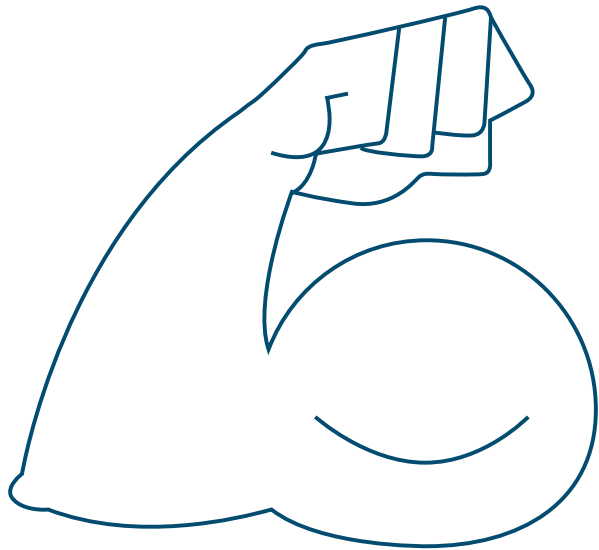
1. What do you need to ask for forgiveness about?
2. What do you need to forgive someone for?

Once you have prayed, color in the sentences below.

I AM FORGIVEN.

I CAN FORGIVE.

“ ... AND DO NOT LEAD
US INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM
THE EVIL ONE ... ”



Replace any lie the enemy has told you with the truth of God's Word.

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers,
against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
(Ephesians 6:12)*

TELL JESUS HOW GREAT HE IS.

A jump start to praying this way is below. Fill in the blanks and add your own praise and worship as you talk to Jesus about how great He is!

Look up Scripture as you walk through the outline.

Hi Jesus!

I love You so much!

1. Thank You _____ (*Psalm 100:4, 118:24*)
2. I love that You created _____.
3. When I'm outside, I notice _____ in your beautiful creation!
4. God, You made me. Thank You for my ability to _____. (*Mark 12:30*)

You love me for who I am, no matter what.

Thank You for being my God and my friend. I love You!

In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR EVERY DAY

GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH.

Replace the lies you may have heard with what God says is true.

MY PRAYER LIST

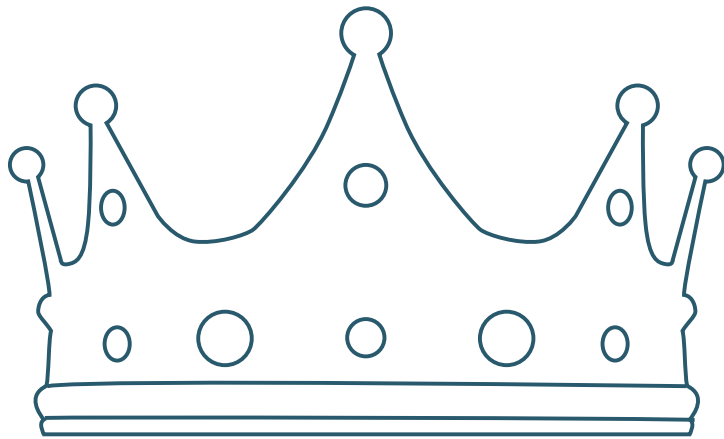
Make a list of things you want to pray for every day.

LIE I HAVE HEARD

WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE

"I am mean." _____ I can be a friend like Jesus.
"I am ugly." _____ I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
"I don't have friends." _____ Jesus loves me and I am never alone.
"If I lie, I won't get in trouble." _____ I can tell the truth and not be afraid.
"If I do what's wrong, I'll finally fit in." _____ My identity comes from Jesus.

“... FOR YOURS IS THE
KINGDOM AND THE
POWER AND THE GLORY
FOREVER. AMEN.”



“FOR YOURS IS THE
KINGDOM AND THE GLORY
FOREVER. AMEN”



God can do anything (believe it)!

*Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by
Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.
(Jeremiah 32:17)*