

AUGUST

Starting on Monday, and for every week day throughout August, we'll be sharing a daily thought card, with a Bible verse, and prayer for the day.

As we all take our time during the summer month of August to perhaps relax a bit, kick off our shoes, and enjoy the great outdoors. We offer a quiet moment in every day for you to sit back, and thank God for all he has done in your life.

Watch out for the first one on Monday 2nd!

Monday 2nd August

Take time this month to rest, read and pray.

Find a place where you are able to relax, for a short time, without distractions.

Read the scripture, take note of who it is written to and what it is saying and what is happening, reflect on how it applies to you, and pray.

All readings taken from Alive to God Daily readings and prayer.

What The Bible says about prayer...

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Daily Bible Verse: *Matthew 10:30*

'And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.'

Thought for the day:

- You must never underestimate how great God's care is for you.
- The Lord is interested in the smallest details of your life.
- If He cares about the hairs on your head, surely, He cares about everything?
- Every little issue that concerns you, you can take to the Lord.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your love and care for me. Forgive me for sometimes thinking that I cannot take my worries to You because they seem small and insignificant. I realise that You care for me and everything that concerns me. Amen.

Tuesday 3rd August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Daily Bible Verse: *Psalm 18:28*

'You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.'

Thought for the day:

- The Lord wants to keep your 'spark of hope' alive within you.
- It is never His plan for us to be overwhelmed by darkness.
- He will come and turn your darkness into light.
- With the Lord in our lives, there is always light and it overcomes darkness.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You that You are the One who keeps the light within my soul shining. I have hope and I have confidence because You are with me, and no discouragement will overcome or overwhelm me. Amen.

Wednesday 4th August

What The Bible says about prayer...

Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Daily Bible Verse: *Philippians 4:6*

'Don't worry (be anxious) about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.'

Thought for the day:

- When we are self-dependent, we have to be concerned about everything.
- When we are relying on God, we do not need to be anxious and worried.
- Sometimes we need to look back and remind ourselves of how faithful God has been.
- Then we can look forward with the expectation that He will still be faithful.

A Prayer:

Lord, I choose to trust and to place my cares and concerns in Your capable hands. Thank You for all that You have done for me, I look forward to Your faithfulness, now, and in the future. Amen.

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What The Bible says about prayer...

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing,

Daily Bible Verse: *Exodus 14:29*

'But the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground...'

Thought for the day:

- The Lord can make a way through the most impossible of situations.
- When our backs are against a wall, He can open up a new avenue.
- When we face the 'sea of despair', He has a wonderful plan.
- When all hope is gone, we can trust in His love and mercy.

A Prayer:

Lord, You made a way through the sea for Your people. You opened up the waters, and dried out the ground, so that they could escape the enemy that was pursuing them. Do the same for me, I pray. Amen.

Friday 6th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Matthew 7:7-8

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 the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Daily Bible Verse: *Matthew 10:30*

‘When they call on Me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honour them.’

Thought for the day:

- The Lord promises to answer your cry for help, each time you call.
- He also tells us that we will find and feel His presence with us, in trouble.
- He also undertakes to rescue and lift us up.
- So be confident in the Lord your God.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You that I can call on You and You will answer me. Thank You that You will be with me no matter what I go through, and thank You that You will rescue and deliver me along the way. Amen.

Monday 9th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Matthew 21:22

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.

Daily Bible Verse: *Psalms 36:5*

'Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.'

Thought for the day:

- There are two things you can be sure of: His unfailing love and His faithfulness.
- His love for you is constant, never-ending and everlasting.
- His faithfulness towards you is sure, inexhaustible and far-reaching.
- Stand on this solid foundation: His enduring love, and His endless faithfulness.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your great love towards me. Thank You also for Your continued and ever-present faithfulness. No matter what I am facing, I will hold onto these eternal truths. Amen.

Tuesday 10th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Daily Bible Verse: *Psalms 30:5*

'Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.'

Thought for the day:

- Trouble and sadness may touch our lives, but they are not permanent.
- The Lord's plan for us is that joy will return, as sure as the morning.
- When His joy enters our hearts and lives, sorrow has to flee.
- Embrace His enduring joy and welcome it into your life!

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the promise of joy in my life that will drive out all weeping and sorrow. I receive the joy that You bring into my life. Amen.

Wednesday 11th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Jeremiah 29:12

Then you will call upon me and come and
pray to me, and I will hear you.

Daily Bible Verse: *John 15:4*

'Abide in Me, and I will abide in you.'

Thought for the day:

- The unity between us and the Lord is vitally important.
- Nothing must ever be allowed to upset this great connection.
- Our lives should be lived because we know the Lord lives.
- His life should flow through us, bringing us new life and hope.

A Prayer:

*Lord, I choose to stay
connected to You. I hold
onto You, knowing that You
are holding me. May Your
life flow in and through me,
as I abide in You. Amen.*

Thursday 12th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication 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 minds in Christ Jesus..

Daily Bible Verse: *Ephesians 5:8*
'Walk as children of the LIGHT.'

Thought for the day:

- As His children, we know His light in our lives.
- As a result of His light in our lives, it should change the way we live.
- We should be reflecting His light to the world around us.
- People should see the difference, because we have His light in our hearts.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your light that shines within my heart. I will not be contaminated by the darkness around me, but I will walk with confidence, because of Your light within me. Amen.



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What The Bible says about prayer...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Daily Bible Verse: *Psalm 46:10*

'Be still, and KNOW that I am God.'

Thought for the day:

- In the busyness of life, it's good to take a moment to see things in perspective.
- Life can become overwhelming and we can be distracted and doubt.
- Pause, for a moment, and be reassured that God is still God.
- With this knowledge, we can face life with confidence and peace.

A Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for being distracted by all the things that are going on around me and in the world at this time. I take this moment to 'be still'. I ask that You reveal to me afresh the truth I need to live by, that You are God! Amen.



Monday 16th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Luke 11:1

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.

Daily Bible Verse: *Isaiah 40:12*

'Who else has held the oceans in His hand? Who has measured off the heavens with His fingers?'

Thought for the day:

- Oh, if we could only grasp and understand how great God is.
- In His hands, He holds the things that we get overwhelmed by.
- He's got the whole wide world in His hands.
- In all His greatness, He makes sure to carry you in His hands.

A Prayer:

Lord, help me to understand how great You are. Help me to live in the knowledge that nothing is too hard for You. Help me to remember that I am in Your hands. Amen.

Tuesday 17th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

1 Timothy 2:8

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Daily Bible Verse: *Romans 15:13*

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit.'

Thought for the day:

- There is something so wonderful about simply trusting God.
- As we trust in Him, we are declaring that He is willing and able to help us.
- As we continue to trust in Him, our lives can be filled with joy and peace.
- As trusting in Him becomes our lifestyle, we can overflow with hope.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You that I can place my trust and confidence in You, with child-like faith and expectation. Fill me with joy and peace, as I trust in You and may my life overflow with hope. Amen.

Wednesday 18th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Proverbs 15:29

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

Daily Bible Verse: *Psalm 27:14*

‘Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD!’

Thought for the day:

- We live in a world where everything has to happen quickly.
- Everyone is in a hurry and under pressure.
- We need to learn to rest in the Lord, and wait for His timing.
- Sometimes it means we have to be brave, but it will be worth it!

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You that You are with me. You have everything under control, and I do not need to stress and be anxious about anything. I declare that I trust You, and I trust in Your perfect timing in my life.

Amen.



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Thursday 19th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

1 Chronicles 16:11

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Daily Bible Verse: *Ruth 3:18*

'For the man (Boaz) will not rest until the matter is settled today.'

Thought for the day:

- Ruth knew that she could trust Boaz to do what he said he would do.
- We can trust the Lord, in the same way, to do what He said He would do.
- We can also follow our Lord's example and be people of our word.
- If you are trusting the Lord in a matter, rest assured, He will answer you.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You that I can trust You to bring to pass what You have promised to do in my life and situation. I will remain perfectly at rest, knowing that You will execute what You have promised. Amen.

Friday 20th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

James 5:16-18

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Daily Bible Verse: *Ecclesiastes 11:6 (TLB)*

'Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which will grow — perhaps it all will.'

Thought for the day:

- Often, we look at the circumstances and we surrender before trying.
- Perfect conditions seldom arrive, but opportunity may lie in the challenges.
- You never know what the Lord is doing or what He will bless with success.
- If we just try, and step out in faith, maybe take another step, we will succeed?

A Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for not being bold enough. I want to persevere and keep on 'sowing my seed' and I choose to believe that You will bring blessing and favour on the things You show me to do. Amen.



Monday 23rd August

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read and pray.

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Colossians 1:3

We always thank God, the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.

Daily Bible Verse: *Hebrews 10:24*

‘Let us think of ways to motivate one
another to acts of love and good works.’

Thought for the day:

- Every human being needs encouragement in some form or another.
- Those who are a bit stronger can encourage those who feel weak.
- We can all play a role and think of ways to motivate and encourage others.
- When we do our part, others will be strengthened and do their part.

A Prayer:

*Lord, help me to be an
instrument in Your hands to
encourage and lift up
others who are struggling.
May the hope that lives in
me bring hope to others in
the process. Amen.*

Tuesday 24th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Matthew 18:19-20

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Daily Bible Verse: *Proverbs 3:27*

'Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is within your power to act.'

Thought for the day:

- Each one of us has the power to make a difference and be a blessing.
- Our actions may seem insignificant, but they can be a source of hope to others.
- In this strange time in history, look for opportunities to be a blessing.
- Do not just think about it, but act now, because the Lord wants to use you.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You that my life can be a source of blessing and encouragement to others. Help me to be a source of hope and strength to those around me. May my seed, as small as it feels, bring a great harvest, as I endeavour to be a blessing to others.

Amen.



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Wednesday 25th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Matthew 6:9-13

Pray then like this: "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 also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Daily Bible Verse: *Exodus 4:12*

'Now go ahead and do as I tell you, for I will help you.'

Thought for the day:

- If we know that God is helping us, we can go on.
- God gave Moses an impossible task to do.
- But with His help, an impossible task became an inevitable success.
- With God's help, you can accomplish more than you could have imagined.

A Prayer:

Lord, please help me to do what You tell me to do. May I walk in obedience and enjoy the wonderful privilege of knowing that You are helping me to do what I could never achieve in my own strength. Amen.



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Thursday 26th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Daily Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 26:11

'...You shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.'

Thought for the day:

- We are living in difficult and challenging times.
- Yet even in these tough times, we can expect the Lord's goodness and kindness.
- Don't live your life fearing some impending trouble that may not happen.
- Open your heart to joy, and to the possibility of 'good things' from the Lord.

A Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for allowing myself to be overwhelmed by pessimism and fear. I choose to believe You, and to live with expectation and optimism about what You will do for me and my household. Amen.



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Friday 27th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Daily Bible Verse: Acts 4:33

'The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord, and God's great blessing was upon them all.'

Thought for the day:

- He is risen, and we have reason to celebrate and rejoice.
- The resurrection power of our Lord and Saviour changes our lives.
- If we will embrace this reality, we will see His power at work within us.
- When this happens, we step into another dimension – the realm of His blessing.

A Prayer:

Lord, I pray that Your resurrection life will flow through me from today like never before, and may I experience and enjoy Your great blessing and favour on my life. Amen.

Monday 30th August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

Luke 11:11-13

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!.

Daily Bible Verse: *Romans 4:12*

'...walk in the footsteps of the faith...'

Thought for the day:

- We are walking a road, at this time, and it is a walk of faith.
- We have to trust God for each day, and for the future.
- Like a child who wants to step in his father's footsteps, we should do the same.
- So, walk the path of faith and not in the path of doubt and fear.

A Prayer:

Lord, thank You for today. Just as many heroes of the faith walked the path of faith, so I too want to follow their example, and walk in the footsteps of faith. Amen.

Tuesday 31st August

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What The Bible says about prayer...

1 John 3:22

And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

Daily Bible Verse: Romans 12:12

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.'

Thought for the day:

- Hope is a wonderful thing that allows us to rejoice in advance.
- We can rejoice in the confident hope we have in God.
- We do face storms in life, but then we must be patient.
- Keep on praying and live in hope, He will come through for you.

A Prayer:

Lord, help me to be joyful as I live with the hope that You have good things in store for me. May I be patient when I am going through difficult times, knowing that You will be with me and may I never forget to pray. Amen.

We hope you have enjoyed
sharing these quiet moments
with us during the summer of
August 2021

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