

5-Day Devotional: Praying with Purpose

Day 1: Coming to Our Father

Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Devotional: You are not an orphan or a stepchild in God's kingdom. Through Christ's blood, you have been adopted as a son or daughter with full rights to approach the Father. Today, as you pray, begin by acknowledging this intimate relationship: "Our Father." Let the weight of this endearment settle in your heart. You don't come to a distant deity on a cloud, but to a loving Father who knows you completely and welcomes you fully. He's not waiting to condemn you; He's inviting you to draw near. Your effectiveness in the world begins here, in this place of intimate connection. Spend time simply being with Him, not asking for anything, just resting in His presence as His beloved child.

Day 2: Hallowing His Name

Reading: Exodus 3:13-15; Psalm 23

Devotional: Before you bring your requests, lift your eyes to see who God truly is. He is Yahweh—the eternal I AM who exists outside of time. He is Jehovah Jireh—your provider. He is Jehovah Rapha—your healer. He is El Shaddai—God Almighty for whom nothing is impossible. When you hallow His name, you're not reminding God who He is; you're reminding yourself. Your anxiety diminishes when you remember His sufficiency. Your fear dissolves when you recall His authority over all things. Today, meditate on God's names and character. Let faith rise as you recognize that the One you're praying to has already overcome every obstacle you face. He is your banner of victory, going before you into every battle.

Day 3: His Kingdom, His Will

Reading: Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 22:39-42

Devotional: "Your kingdom come, Your will be done" is not a passive prayer—it's a ruthless surrender. Jesus Himself prayed, "Not my will, but Yours be done" in His darkest hour. When you pray for God's kingdom to come, you're asking for His rule to displace every other authority in your life. This means prying your hands off the steering wheel and trusting the Father who sees what you cannot. God's will may not always be comfortable, but it's always perfect. His kingdom breaking in means darkness must flee, unrighteousness must go, and wrong priorities must be surrendered. Today, honestly examine what you're still holding onto. Ask God to help you release control and trust His eternal perspective over your temporary understanding.

Day 4: Daily Bread and Daily Dependence

Reading: Philippians 4:6-7, 19; Matthew 6:25-34

Devotional: "Give us this day our daily bread" teaches us to live in holy dependence. Notice it's not "give us this year's supply" but daily bread—enough for today. Your greatest need isn't financial provision or physical healing; it's more of Him. When you ask for daily bread, let your primary request be for more of God's presence, wisdom, and strength. Then bring your practical needs—provision, protection, guidance, help. He's your Father who loves to give good gifts. But remember: you can't receive with clenched fists. Open your hands in every area—your finances, relationships, plans, and dreams. God's peace, which surpasses understanding, comes when you pray about everything and worry about nothing, trusting Him for today's grace.

Day 5: Forgiveness and Freedom

Reading: Matthew 6:14-15; 1 John 1:5-9

Devotional: Walking in unforgiveness or unconfessed sin blocks the flow of God's power in your life. True freedom requires ruthless honesty before

God. He already knows every sin you're hiding, every resentment you're nursing. Confession isn't informing God; it's agreeing with Him and receiving His cleansing. Today, take time for deep reflection. What sins need to be brought into the light? Who do you need to forgive, releasing both the wrong and the resentment? Remember: God doesn't condemn you—He frees you. If condemnation comes, that's not His voice. Forgiveness is a journey, not a one-time event. Keep bringing those bitter roots before Him until freedom fully comes. Then seal your prayers: "For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen."