

Grow, Pray, and Study Guide.



Prayers for the week

Monday: Heavenly Father, help me to keep my mind focused on you and your kingdom. Let me always be mindful of the importance of my sisters and brothers Amen

Tuesday: Jesus, remind me to look at your word. Help me to study and meditate on your words and your teachings. Yours is the way that leads to peace; let me grow in your way Amen.

Wednesday: My brother, guide me and strengthen me in the best way to honor you. Let me always choose what is important in your sight. Let me focus on my neighbors and not my things. Amen.

Thursday: Father, let me walk in the path that leads me to you. Let me act in the best interests for your other children. Be my lamp and my guide. Amen.

Friday: Lord God, I have stumbled often this week. But I know that I am one step closer to the life you want for me. Thank you for lifting me and carrying me through every day. Amen.

Notes: today I pray



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Study Guide for the Week of August 6, 2017

Monday August 7th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Luke 12:32-34. Reread these short verses. Quietly sit and reflect on the deep, profound promise these three verses contain. Let the promise of “enough” in your life soak deeply into your mind.

Question: Each of us worries about our family’s future and our own tomorrows. Why? Why do humans worry about the things we cannot see? Do you believe that you have the power to change your future? Where do you search for reassurance, comfort, and solace?

Tuesday August 8th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Luke 12:35-40. Mediate on the cautious warning in these verses. Traditionally servants have been expected to jump at the master’s whim. It was not an easy life. Just as the servant in these verses, we are called to be prepared to follow Jesus whenever he asks — and where ever he leads. Like the rich fool in last week’s reading from Luke, we do not know God’s plans.

Question: Think of the words in the hymn *I Surrender All*. “All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.” How peaceful will your life become when you learn to surrender those burdens and worries? In a quiet space, think about what is necessary to be ready to respond when Jesus calls you.

Wednesday August 9th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Hebrews 11: 1-3 Verse 1 defines faith. Humans like to accept what we see as real; it’s comforting. Verse 3 gives credit to the “ancients” who believed in the Messiah without seeing him. Are we different from the ancients? We believe

Question: Faith is not seen. We believe in love although can not seen. We, however, can see the results of love in our family, community, and world, just as we can see the evidence of faith in all that surrounds us. How can we let others see our faith?

Thursday August 10th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Hebrew 11: 8-16

Look at the way Abraham and Sarah stepped out in faith when God asked. Faith supported them and gave them the strength and courage to leave their past behind and look forward to their future with God.

Question: Today pray that God will create a forward-thinking mind set in you. Pray that you remember that your past is gone. It cannot be changed. Remember in all you do and ask for today that God loves you and whatever happened in your past is forgotten and forgiven by God. God is good!

Friday August 11h (I took time to pray today)

Read : Hebrews 11. This passage is often called the Old Testament Hall of Fame. Look at the way Isaiah commends those who lived faithful lives. Reflect on their rewards. The earthly ones are certainly not what we would want but God has promised and planned good for them.

Question: How difficult would it have been to live life as persecuted follower of God? Spend time in deep prayer asking God to guide you to live a life that is worthy of all of those who have gone before us. Father God, how can we honor you with our lives?

Just remember you can’t answer these questions wrong when you answer them from your heart.