



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
06/30/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 39: With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. It is expected that parents will be teaching their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Read Luke 18:9-14

Discuss

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus often spoke in parables. A parable is simply an illustration. A picture, crafted with words, that's meant to communicate a clear point.

In Luke 18, Jesus gives us one of His most memorable parables. He draws our minds to the Temple, a place designed for prayer and worship. The two men He zooms in on? A pharisee and a tax-collector.

While many would think a religious leader would garner the approval of God, he does not. Instead, Jesus tells us that it is the tax-collector, one seen by many as a crook, that walks away justified.

Why did the tax-collector please God? Because his prayer was birthed out of a deep humility before the Lord.

He couldn't even lift his eyes to heaven.

True humility is the lowering of oneself. In this parable, it is that tax-collector that rightly recognizes who he is speaking to. God almighty.

How do we approach God in prayer? Humbly. We draw near to Him, not proclaiming our greatness, but exalting His.

Discussion Questions

- Do I come before God with a proud heart or a needy one?
- How can I foster a heart of active humility before the Lord?
- Are there sins I need to confess today?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Bindi met her future husband in 2017, when her father brought a young coworker named Kande to their home in India.

Bindi came to faith, and eventually they wed. The newlyweds moved, becoming the first — and only — Christians in their community.

Radical Hindus soon visited Kande at home, pressuring him to participate in a puja ceremony honoring Hindu gods and to contribute to various Hindu causes. He refused.

Eventually, the men grabbed Bindi's mother, who was there helping with the baby, took her into the nearby jungle and assaulted her.

About the song:

Our hymn today reminds us that our lives are to be lived as a sacrifice to Christ. He has bought us with His blood, so that every part of our life is no longer lived for ourselves but for Him and His glory. We are brought to ask if we live our lives truly for God's glory or our own. A Christian is one who holds nothing back from Christ.

Pray

Confess your sins humbly
to the Lord

Sing

Take My Life and Let Be
Frances Ridley Havergal
(1874)

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Verse 1:

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Verse 2:

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 3:

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Verse 4:

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Verse 5:

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Verse 6:

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.



TUESDAY

Read Hebrews 4:14-16

Discuss

How do we approach the throne of God in prayer? Hebrews 4 tells us. With confidence. True confidence manifests itself in boldness.

Do you remember yesterday's parable? In it we spoke about approaching God in humility. Why then do we seem to be saying the opposite today?

Because the object of our confidence is different.

In the parable, the tax-collector approached the Lord with confidence in self. He came before the Lord touting his own achievements. What is proper confidence? Coming before God in full recognition of His accomplishment.

Isn't this what the writer of Hebrews says? Because we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens...let us then with confidence draw near.

Only Christians have this confidence. Because of the work of Jesus on the cross, we enter His court justified. Not by our deeds, but His alone. We are His. His invitation? Come.

Discussion Questions

- What would it look like to pray more boldly?
- How does meditating on the work of the Cross invite us to come into His courts?

Apologetics:

Apologia is a Greek word that means, "to give a defense." Apologetics is the study and practice of giving a defense for Christianity. There are many defenses that can be made, many ways to demonstrate the truth of the Word. Christians study apologetics so that we can be obedient to 1 Peter 3:15, "always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"

About the song:

This hymn, written in 1905, brings us back to the foot of the cross. Here we are reminded of the immense love and mercy of God shown to sinners upon the cross. We remember that Christ came to bear our sins so that we could be brought to a restored communion with God. How marvelous!

Pray

Thank God for the privilege of being called His son or daughter!

Sing

I Stand Amazed
Chas. H. Gabriel (1905)

I STAND AMAZED

Verse 1:

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned, unclean

Chorus:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 2:

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered, and died alone

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

(Chorus x3)



WEDNESDAY

Read Matthew 6:5-15

Discuss

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us the basics of what it means to follow Him. Our passage today serves as a model for prayer. While there is much we might glean from His divine words, I want us to zoom in on verse 10.

...your will be done.

We can be a stubborn people. A people that want our way...and want it now. How do we approach God in prayer?

With complete surrender.

While there is nothing wrong with making our requests known to God, the ongoing disposition of our heart must be surrender.

We must always remember that God knows best. Those unanswered prayers may be our greatest blessings.

When we make our requests of God, we must trust in whatever way He responds. In fact, in many respects prayer is an act of surrender.

In prayer we lay our desires, our future, our needs, and our despair in His hands.

Discussion Questions

- Am I willing to lay my desires at the feet of Jesus?
- How do I respond when I don't get my way? How should a right understanding of God inform our response?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

ἡσέδ

Hesed (kheh-sed)

This is a Hebrew word that is difficult to translate. You may see it as “lovingkindness,” “steadfast-love,” “loyalty,” and more. It is understood as the covenant love of God. The loyal love of God that cannot be removed, that is merciful and gracious, that reaches out to save sinners and draw them to Himself. It is a love that is always true and unable to be lost, full of grace and mercy. It is God's love to His people.

About the Song:

From the artist: “The song is based on Lamentations 3 and explores the lament of the heart when faced with sorrow, sin, and the devil. In the midst of it all, we are pointed to the Lord's unceasing love, and for this we praise Him.”

Pray

Renew your surrender
before God and read Mt.

6:33

Sing

*Before the Throne of God
Above*

Charitie Lees Smith (1863)

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Verse 1:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in Heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Verse 2:

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Verse 3:

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.



THURSDAY

Read James 1:2-8

Discuss

Throughout this week we've been discussing the attitude of prayer. On Monday, we saw that we're to come before God humbly. Tuesday led us to see the importance of drawing near to Him in confidence. Yesterday? The essential nature of surrender.

Who must we turn to when trials tear apart our lives? James tells us. We turn to God in faith.

Faith in prayer is essential, as faith believes that our God hears us and His hand heals us.

One way to exercise that faith is to trust the many promises of God. Our minds often lead us to irrational places. The task before us? To take those thoughts captive.

Feel abandoned by God? In faith, remember that God promises to never leave us nor forsake us. Feel crushed by the sorrow of life? In faith, remember that God is near the brokenhearted and crushed in spirit.

Faith believes God.

Discussion Questions

- Take a moment and think of all the ways in your life you've seen God answer prayers. How does this strengthen our resolve to pray in faith?

Important Theological Term:

Omnibenevolence: perfect and unlimited goodness.

This word means that God is good and perfect in Himself. It means that God is the very definition of what it means to be truly "good." In God, no action, thought, feeling, or motive is anything less than perfectly good. Whatever God does, thinks, feels, desires, it is always completely and perfectly good.

"Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"
Psalm 106:1

About the Song:

This hymn was written fairly recently, 1989, yet it declares timeless truths. It reminds us of our dependence on the Triune God at all times.

Pray

Thank God for His many promises and His fulfillment of them among His world

Sing

Wonderful Merciful Savior
Eric Wyse & Dawn Rogers

WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Verse 1

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men,
Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offered hope when our hearts had
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh we'd hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

Verse 3

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh we're falling before Your Throne.

Chorus



FRIDAY

Read Ecclesiastes 5:2, Matthew 6:8

Discuss

One of the many joys of prayer is that God knows what we need before we even ask. It's important we know the one we speak to. When we pray, we have an audience with the creator of the world.

A big God hears every small prayer.

Recognizing the vastness of God is essential in prayer. Knowing who God is should lead us to approach Him boldly, but with deep reverence.

Simply understood, reverence is a feeling of profound awe and respect. God's majesty and holiness demand such a response.

How then does this influence our prayers? The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us. Come prepared. Before we offer our requests, may we pause our minds and reorient our hearts. May we remember who it is we address.

While there is a place for spontaneous prayer, it's important that we approach God reverently, as one who knows our words before our mouths even open.

Discussion Questions

- Do I rush into prayer without recognizing who I'm addressing? How can my prayers better begin with situating my heart and mind on the person of Christ?

Church History:

On May 11, 1926, JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis had the first of their "long chats." Lewis was not yet a Christian, but Tolkien played a key role in his conversion 5 years later. Both men are incredibly intelligent and passionate about teaching through stories. They will join together with other writers to form the "Inklings," a group of writers based out of Oxford. Together Lewis and Tolkien will write some of the greatest works of Christian fiction, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

About the Song:

This timeless hymn draws us into the awe-filled presence of God—Father, Son, and Spirit—lifting our voices with the angels to declare His unmatched holiness, majesty, and eternal glory.

Pray

Think on the incredible attributes of God.

Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy
By Reginald Heber

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

8:30pm

JULY 19

MOVIE NIGHT!

“THE PRINCE OF EGYPT”

Popcorn and soda

5:30pm

August 2

GAME NIGHT!

BOARD AND VIDEO GAMES

Chips, snacks, and soda

6:00pm

August 9

FIELD DAY!

**OUTDOOR GAMES, MAYBE
EVEN SOME NEW ONES!**

Burgers and chips

**CALVARY BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP IS OPEN TO
ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE 6TH-12TH GRADES.
JOIN US FOR THESE FUN EVENTS!**

Summer at **GALVARY BAPTIST** **CHURCH**

10 AM

 **JULY 19**

BIBLES & BACKPACKS

Pre-register for our school
supply giveaway!

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!



6 to 8 PM

 **JULY 21-25**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AGES 4 YEARS OLD-5TH GRADE
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE



6:30-8:00 PM

 **JULY 28-AUG 1**

5 DAY CLUB

5 Days of songs, crafts, and
snacks pointing to Jesus!

K - 6th GRADE ARE WELCOME

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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

