



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
07/7/25

Home Worship Guide

New City Catechism

Question 40: What should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

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 Ephesians 3:14-21

Discuss

Here is a scene that is familiar to all of us. You sit down in the evening for your daily time of prayers. Hopefully throughout the day you have been throwing up prayers as the need arises, but now you sit for time of intentional and structured prayer. Yet as you sit down to pray, closing your eyes, folding your hands, you pray, "Dear Lord, ____" and your mind goes blank.

In these times, what are you to do?

First, remember that your words don't need to be perfect. You don't have to sound like Shakespeare when you pray. Don't force something out that is dishonest or sounds like someone else. Simply talk to God as you would talk to your parents, with love and respect.

Second, if the words are still stuck, simply pray the Word. Don't know what to praise God for? Read passages about who God is and how great He is and simply repeat those praises to Him. Don't know what to thank God for? Read and repeat a Psalm of thanksgiving. Don't know how to confess your sins? Read passages of confession and the righteousness of God. Don't know what to ask God for? Read passages about praying for the government and the sick.

Use Scripture for the words when you run out.

Discussion Questions

- Do you struggle with finding the words to pray?
- What helps you start to pray when you're stuck?
- Have you tried praying Scripture like this before?

Persecuted Church/Missions:

Tajikistan is a small country in central Asia. There's a chance you've never even heard of this country. Tajikistan is a Muslim majority country. In order to resist the rise of Islamic extremism the government was implemented increasingly strict policies against all religious groups. For Christians, no one under 18 years old is legally allowed to attend a Christian gathering. It is illegal for Christians to share their faith with others. Christian churches are the subject of increasingly frequent raids by the government. Christian education is also restricted, making it difficult to train new church leaders.

About the song:

A familiar favorite, this hymn has been sung in churches for nearly 100 years. The hymn leads us to declare that everything is worth giving up for Christ. He is our greatest treasure and satisfaction and delight. He is the comfort for our souls and protection in battle. Through Him we have a greater inheritance that this earth offers.

Pray

Confess your sins humbly
to the Lord

Sing

Be Thou My Vision
Eleanor Hull (1927)

BE THOU MY VISION

Verse 1:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2:

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

Verse 3:

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 4:

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Verse 5:

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



TUESDAY

Read 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Discuss

What is the purpose of your life?

To give glory to God. Everything that we think, say, and do should be motivated by God's glory. Including what we pray.

We don't come to God in prayer so that we get what we want. We don't pray so that we become happier. We don't pray so that our pain disappears.

Just like everything else in life, Christians pray for the glory of God.

Rather than praying for our desires, we sacrifice our desires in prayer. Praying is an action that gives up our own will and desires so that we can pick up and carry God's will and desires as our own.

In prayer, we lay everything before God with open hands. We accept whatever He has to give and respond with thanksgiving because we know that His gifts are good gifts.

"Lord God, I pray that You would fill me with Your Spirit so that I die to myself. There are many things I want and desire, and I pray that You provide them to me if it is Your will. But whether You grant my request or not, give me a heart that is able to rejoice in all things and glorify Your name even if the answer is no."

Discussion Questions

- What does it look like to pray for the glory of God?
- Are your prayers usually focused on what you want, or what God wants?

Apologetics:

Why did God create the world if He knew that we would sin eventually? This question usually comes because we think of ourselves first in creation. But the reality is that all things exist for the glory of God. God created the world and people in it so that He could reveal His character and nature. He always knew man would fall. It was through the fall, through sin, that God is able to reveal His justice in punishing sin and His mercy and grace in forgiving sin. We would never know God as merciful if He never had a chance to show mercy.

About the song:

I'll admit that this hymn has become a favorite of mine. In it we remember that we are saved only through the blood of Jesus Christ. It is His work alone that saves and not our own. Nothing kills pride better than recognizing you are totally dependent on someone else to save us.

Pray

Ask God to give you a heart that wants what He wants above all else.

Sing

Thy Works Not Mine O Christ
Horatius Bonar (1857)

THY WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST

Verse 1:

Your works, not mine, O Christ,
speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done.
they bid my fear depart.

Refrain:

To whom but you, who can alone
for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Verse 2:

Your blood, not mine, O Christ,
can heal my sinful soul;
your wounds, not mine, contain
the balm that makes me whole.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

Your cross, not mine, O Christ,
has borne the awful load
of sins that none could bear
but the incarnate God.

[Refrain]

Verse 4:

Your death, not mine, O Christ,
has paid the ransom due;
ten thousand deaths like mine
would have been all too few.

[Refrain]

Verse 5:

Your righteousness, O Christ,
alone can cover me;
no other righteousness
can set a sinner free.

[Refrain]



WEDNESDAY

Read Isaiah 11:1-10 (focus on verses 9-10)

Discuss

This whole world is broken by sin. Right now most statistics say that there are 2.4 billion Christians in the world. However, these polls include groups like the Mormons. The reality is that the number of true believers is far smaller. This is a broken world full of people dead in their sins.

Our prayers should include that the world be restored. Christ is not only redeeming souls, He is restoring all of creation that is touched by sin. This work will be finished in the new heavens and the new earth. Until then, the Gospel keeps marching forward bringing sinner to God and restoring what has fallen.

Our hearts should break at the fact that there are billions of people dying without Jesus. This is a tragic reality.

In light of this, we should pray for several things. We should praise God that He will be faithful to His promises. He has promised that the whole world will be filled with His wisdom. While it may take a long time, we can trust He will accomplish this. We should also pray that missionaries would be faithful to God and bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Pray that they would be obedient to the call of God on their heart. We should also pray that we would be obedient to share the Gospel as often as we have the opportunity.

Discussion Questions

- Does my heart break for the people dying without Jesus?
- How can I share the Gospel with others?
- Do I trust that God is making all things new, even if things are hard right now?

Greek/Hebrew/Latin Word to Know:

κοινωνία

Koinonia (coin-oh-knee-uh)

This Greek word means fellowship, communion, partnership. It is used to refer to the church (although there is another word also used for the church). It carries the idea of more than just a group of people, or a building, but of a close and intimate unity. It means to share in what is common with one another for the basis of lasting fellowship. For Christians that common thing is salvation in Christ.

About the Song:

Sometimes our hearts need reminded of the truths we know but don't necessarily feel. Today's hymn reminds us of the everlasting love given to us in Christ. We sing boldly that we are His and He is ours, never ever to be lost.

Pray

Pray for those who are involved in global missions.

Sing

I am His and He is Mine
George Robinson and Wade Robinson (1890)

I AM HIS, AND HE IS MINE

Verse 1:

Loved with everlasting love,
led by grace that love to know;
gracious Spirit from above,
Thou dost taught me it is so!
O this full and precious peace!
O this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease,
I am His and He is mine.
In a love which cannot cease,
I am His and He is mine.

Verse 2:

Heav'n above is deeper blue;
earth around is sweeter green;
something lives in ev'ry hue
Christless eyes have never seen.
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow;
flow'rs with deeper beauties shine;
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His and He is mine.
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His and He is mine.

Verse 3:

Taste the goodness of the Lord:
welcomed home to His embrace,
all His love, as blood outpoured,
seals the pardon of His grace.
Can I doubt His love for me,
when I trace that love's design?
By the cross of Calvary
I am His and He is mine.
I am His and He is mine.

Verse 4:

His forever, only his!
Who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss
Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee,
firstborn light in gloom decline;
But while God and I shall be,
I am His and He is mine.
I am His and He is mine.



THURSDAY

Read Matthew 9:35-38

Discuss

Have you ever been given an assignment or a task at work and thought to yourself, “How can anyone do this on their own?” Maybe you even complained to your teacher or boss about the unreasonable expectations.

The task of spreading the Gospel is a HUGE task! Jesus commanded all Christians to spread the Gospel but when you look around at all the people who need the Gospel that command can seem overwhelming.

Jesus knew this. That is why He said that there were few workers. He commanded us to pray that more workers are raised up.

We need help! Even the best evangelist will fail to spread the Gospel to everyone. This world is full of missionaries and Christians sharing the good news, and yet billions have yet to hear the Gospel at all, much less to have someone who knows them take the time to share the Good News.

Just as we pray that God fill the world with the Gospel, we also need to pray that God raise up people to share the Gospel! We need to pray that there would be even more laborers who would work at bringing in the harvest to God.

May God multiply the harvest and provide many workers to bring it in.

Discussion Questions

- Do you feel overwhelmed with the task of spreading the Gospel?
- Do you trust God will get the job done?

Important Theological Term:

Baptism comes from the Greek word “baptizo” meaning “to dip/submerge.” Baptism is an ordinance of the church, meaning it was specifically commanded by Christ. Baptism does not make us a Christian, it also does not justify us. What baptism does do is give evidence of the salvation that has already started in us. Salvation brings a desire to obey God and often one of the first big steps of obedience is to be baptized. Baptism is a public demonstration of an inward reality, where we tell everyone that we have been saved from our sins, have died to our sins, and have been raised with Christ to walk in newness of life.

About the Song:

While this song may new to you, it is quite old. The lyrics remind us of the charge and commission given to us by Christ for our lives.

Pray

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

Sing

A Charge to Keep I Have
Charles Wesley (1762)

A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE

Verse 1:

A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.

Verse 2:

To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill,
O may it all my pow'rs engage
to do my Master's will!

Verse 3:

Arm me with watchful care
as in Thy sight to live,
and now Thy servant, Lord, prepare
a strict account to give!

Verse 4:

Help me to watch and pray,
and still on Thee rely,
O let me not my trust betray,
but press to realms on high.



FRIDAY

Read Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18

Discuss

This week we have talked a lot about praying for the Gospel to advance in the world. That people would come to know Christ, glorify God, and that Christians would be faithful to share the Gospel.

Just as we need the Gospel to work in the world, we also need it to work in our own hearts and lives.

You aren't perfect. Neither am I. Today I have had to confess and repent of pride in my own heart to God. I have had to ask forgiveness of a friend for a mean joke. I have had to pray that I have more grace and mercy and compassion to those that I don't really like. All of us are still a long ways from looking exactly like Christ.

In our prayers, we need to ask God not only to forgive our sins, but to help us sin less.

We want to look Christ. We strive to look more like Christ. We know God will conform us to Christ. And we should pray that every day we look more and more and more like Christ.

As the Gospel works in your heart, sin will become uglier. Pray that you are more sensitive to sin and grow to love the things that God loves.

Discussion Questions

- How often do I pray that I would look more like Christ?
- What does it mean to look like Christ?
- How has the Gospel changed my life?

Church History:

On July 10th, 1553, William the Silent is assassinated. The protestant reformation was still expanding and William was helping lead it in a political way in the Netherlands where he served his people as the head of state. Angered by his Protestantism and reformation ideals, he is the first head of state assassinated with a pistol. After being hit by the bullets, William is recorded as crying out, "O my God, have mercy upon my soul! O my God, have mercy upon this poor people!"

About the Song:

This hymn is most recognizable form from 2009. This contemporary version however is based upon an older 1910 song called "One Day." It reminds us that every generation of the church is looking forward to the day when we will be in glory with Christ.

Pray

Ask God to help you grow to look like Christ

Sing

Glorious Day

J. Wilbur Chapman and Mark Hall
(1910/2009)

GLORIOUS DAY

Verse 1:

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Chorus:

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

Verse 2:

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

(Chorus)

Verse 4:

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

(Chorus)



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!

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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

