SUMMER READING PLAN

- PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE -

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WE KNOW THAT WE CAN PRAY TO GOD ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE, BUT SOMETIMES, OUR WORDS FAIL US. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY OR HOW TO EXPRESS OUR NEEDS TO OUR FATHER.

THANKFULLY, THE BIBLE IS FULL OF PRAYERS THAT CAN TEACH US HOW TO BRING OUR NEEDS OR GIVE THANKS TO THE FATHER.

THIS READING PLAN WORKS LIKE A CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE BOOK.
THE PRAYERS ARE LISTED IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER. ONCE YOU ARE DONE,
YOU CAN CHECK THE BOX OFF AND MOVE TO ANOTHER PRAYER IN THE LIST
OR FEEL FREE TO LINGER ON A PRAYER AS LONG AS YOU NEED.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE PRAYERS AND USE THE WORDS TO HELP BRING YOU CLOSER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD. FOR EXAMPLE,

- DO YOU NEED FORGIVENESS? USE DAVID'S WORDS FROM PSALM 51 TO GUIDE YOU INTO REPENTANCE.
- DO YOU LONG TO PRAISE GOD BUT CAN'T FIND THE WORDS? READ PSALM 145.
- DO YOU DESIRE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE EYES NEED TO BE OPENED TO GOD? PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE EPHESIANS IN EPH 1:17-20 IS A GREAT PRAYER TO PRAY OVER THEM.
- DO YOU NEED ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR FAITH WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS GOING ASTRAY? READ PSALM 73.

EACH PRAYER IN THE FOLLOWING LIST WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF ITS RELEVANCE TO EVERYDAY LIFE.

TIPS:

PLEASE JUST GO AT A PACE THAT SUITS YOU. THIS IS NOT A "PRAYER A DAY" READING PLAN. FEEL FREE TO SPEND A FEW DAYS OR LONGER REVIEWING THE SAME PRAYER IF NEEDED. REPETITION CAN BE HELPFUL TO OUR SOULS. SLOW DOWN AND SAVOUR!

PERSONALIZE IT. PUT YOUR NAME AND SITUATIONS INTO THE PRAYERS;
PSALM 23 ALREADY DOES THIS FOR US. FOR EXAMPLE, "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD," BUT OTHERS LIKE PAUL'S PRAYER IN EPH 1 IS A MOVE GENERAL "THE EYES OF THEIR HEARTS MAY BE OPEN" PRAY FOR "THE EYES OF ______ (INSERT NAME) MAY BE ENLIGHTENED." ETC.

WRITE IT OUT. THIS HELPS YOU SLOW DOWN AND THINK ABOUT EACH WORD AND PHRASE.

READ THE PRAYER MORE THAN ONCE - LIKE EATING A DELICIOUS MEAL: YOU DON'T GOBBLE IT UP IN ONE BITE AND MOVE ON. READ IT SLOWLY, CHEW ON IT, AND LET IT SINK IN.

READ THE PRAYER IN A FEW DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS.

YOU CAN USE THIS ALONGSIDE YOUR OTHER BIBLE READING PLANS OR DEVOTIONAL BOOKS OR ON ITS OWN. IF YOU CHOOSE TO PUT YOUR OTHER READING ASIDE, DIVE IN TO READ MORE ABOUT THE CONTEXT AROUND EACH PRAYER. ASK QUESTIONS LIKE WHO THE AUTHOR OF THE PRAYER IS, WHAT THE AUTHOR IS PRAYING ABOUT, AND WHY.

SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE PRAYED WITH SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU. LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AS YOU PRAY TOGETHER.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (PSALM 23)
THE LORD'S PRAYER (MATTHEW 6:9-13)
THE FIRST CHRISTIAN HYMN (PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11)
PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE EPHESIANS (EPHESIANS 1:17-23)
JESUS' PRAYER FOR ALL BELIEVERS (JOHN 17:20-26)
PRAYER FOR REPENTANCE AND RESTORATION (PSALM 51)
PRAYER FOR BELIEF (MARK 9:24 &14-29)
PRAYER OF JABEZ (1 CHRONICLES 4:9-10)
SOLOMON'S PRAYER FOR WISDOM (1 KINGS 3:5-15)
ASKING FOR GOD'S BLESSING (PSALM 67)
HANNAH'S PRAYER (1 SAMUEL 2:1-10)
ISRAEL'S SONG (EXODUS 15:1-18)
NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER FOR FAITHFULNESS (NEHEMIAH 1:4-11)
JOB'S PRAYER OF HUMILITY (JOB 42:1-6)
YOU ALONE ARE MY SALVATION (PSALM 3)

RESCUE ME! (PSALM 6)
HOW LONG? (PSALM 13)
MAKE YOUR WAYS KNOWN TO ME (PSALM 25)
THE LORD IS MY LIGHT (PSALM 27)
FORGIVENESS (PSALM 32)
GOD'S FAITHFUL LOVE (PSALM 36:5-10)
BE STILL AND KNOW (PSALM 46)
SHELTER ME (PSALM 57)
GOD, YOU SATISFY (PSALM 63)
SAVE ME, GOD! (PSALM 69)
GOD'S WAY THE BEST WAY (PSALM 73)
GOD'S GOT THIS (PSALM 77)
EYES ON GOD'S HOUSE (PSALM 84)
DON'T BE SILENT (PSALM 109:1-5)
I WILL EXALT YOU (PSALM 145)





LET US THEN APPROACH GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.

- HEBREWS 4:16 -

