

Praying God's Word

There is great power in praying God's Word. God's Word is living, active, and sharp. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). Ephesians 6:17 & 18 says, "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God and pray..." Prayer and God's Word are like two sticks of dynamite in this spiritual battle. 2 Corinthians 10:4 says that in this battle we do not fight with weapons of this world. I had always thought there was only one offensive weapon for us to use in the spiritual battle we face daily, but I now see that God has given us weapons to demolish strongholds, arguments, and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). We are wise to pray God's Word daily (be shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves, Matthew 10:16). Further, 1 John 4:14-15 tells us that if we pray something according to God's will, He hears us and answers us. Praying His Word is praying according to His will.

I have seen the value of praying God's Word in my own life. It has been such a joy to pray scripture over my life and my family's lives, and then to see God answer the prayer. He is so good. Not only has God been faithful to hear and answer my prayers, He has also taught me more of His Word as I have prayed His Word. By speaking His Word through prayer daily, I can know more of God's Word and in turn know more of God. How amazing!

It may seem a little awkward at first to pray God's Word. It may seem as though you are just reading something off the page. However, the more you know the scriptures; you no longer have to read them. It becomes the overflow of your heart. Also, I encourage you to really think about what you are praying as you read God's Word. I have given you some examples of praying God's word below and on other handouts in the notebook, but please do not feel like you have to say exactly what I have written. They are only examples as you get started in the practice of praying God's Word. This is not something you have to do all the time, but it is a great and powerful thing to incorporate into your prayer life.

Some other great resources for praying God's Word are praytheword.org, prayerpointpress.com (go to the on-line store and look for Keys to the Kingdom), Praying God's Word by Beth Moore, and Living Free by Beth Moore.

- Mon: O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Psalm 119:97
Pray, "O Lord, may I love Your law and meditate on it daily."
- Tues: Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul observes them. Psalm 119:129
Pray, "Lord, may I consider Your Word wonderful and obey it fully."
- Wed: I opened my mouth wide and panted, for I longed for thy commandments. Psalm 119:131
Pray, "Please give me a desire for Your Word, just as thirsty deer desire water."
- Thurs: Thy Word is very pure; therefore Thy servant loves it. Psalm 119:140
Pray, "Lord, Your Word is pure which fills me with love for it."
- Fri: My eyes anticipate the night watches that I may meditate on Thy Word. Psalm 119:148
Pray, "May I look forward to nighttime so I can meditate on Your Word as I go to sleep."
- Sat: I rejoice at Thy Word, as one who finds great spoil. Psalm 119:162
Pray, "O Lord, help me to rejoice in Your Word constantly. It is greater than any other treasure."
- Sun: You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in Your Word. Psalm 119:114
Pray, "Lord, My hope is in You and Your Word as you are my refuge and shield."