

Prayer Calendar

July 2019

Lord, teach us to pray . . .

The disciples watched and learned from Jesus. They witnessed his power, faith and strength that came from regular communion with God. They wanted this strength and relationship, also. So, they did not ask for his power, nor did they ask for his authority; the disciples asked that Jesus teach them to pray. This month we learn to pray from Jesus our teacher.

Monday, July 1

Luke 11:1 | Jesus was praying in a certain place.

~ Lord Jesus, you prayed...help me pray. Teach me to pray with your faith and assurance. You prayed in the ordinary happenings of the day. You prayed with others and for others. Help us pray like this and to seek you constantly and learn your will.

Tuesday, July 2

Luke 11:1 | When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

~ Jesus, I am open to your teaching – I am ready to learn – I am ready to listen – I am ready to be still – I am ready to be silent before you.

Wednesday, July 3

Matthew 7:7 | Ask, and you will receive.

~ Lord, this is your promise that if I ask, I shall receive. Sometimes I think all I do is ask. Sometimes I am afraid to ask because I really don't want what you want to give me. Sometimes I had rather complain. Forgive me.

Thursday, July 4

Matthew 7:7 | Search, and you will find.

~ Lord God, what am I to search for? A better life? Friendship? Peace? Where will I find what I want and what I need? Its work to search and sometimes I don't want to work that hard; sometimes I just want to complain. Forgive me.

Friday, July 5

Matthew 7:8 | For everyone who asks, receives.

~ Loving God, for what shall I ask? Hope? Forgiveness? Reconciliation? Love? More money? A better car? My children to behave? Guide me in my asking. Thank you.

Saturday, July 6

Matthew 7:8 | Whoever seeks, finds.

~ Holy God, I seek you and at times I wonder what will I find? Will I find that I am flawed and worthless? Will I find peace? Will I find rejection? Will I find love and acceptance? When I seek you promise that I will find you. Thank you.

Sunday, July 7

Matthew 7:8 | And to everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

~ Lord, even me? Even me? The door of your heart is opened to me? Thank you.

Monday, July 8

Matthew 6: 9 | Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name.

~ God of All Creation, Jesus tells us you are like a loving parent. I trust today in your love and goodness towards me as your child.

Tuesday, July 9

Luke 11:2 | Jesus told them, “When you pray, say: Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

~ Jesus, you help me remember that the name of God is holy and is to be honored. Help me in times of stress, anxiety or even the ordinary to honor the goodness of the name of God.

Wednesday, July 10

Matthew 6:10 | Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.

~ God of All, confess I don't always know your will, but I do know that your will is always toward our good. I will work today for good.

Thursday, July 11

Luke 11:2 | Bring in your kingdom.

~ Holy One, give me a glimpse of your kingdom today. Help me be a participant in that moment of hope, of forgiveness, of love and compassion.

Friday, July 12

Matthew 6:11 | Give us the bread we need for today.

~ Giving Lord, you provide enough for our needs one day at a time. This I know, however, I am afraid of what tomorrow will bring. Give me assurance that today has enough for today.

Saturday, July 13

Luke 11:3 | Give us the bread we need for today.

~ Gracious God, I confess that today I want more than just what I need for today. Help me be truly satisfied and grateful for having what I need.

Sunday, July 14

Matthew 6:12 | Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.

~ Lord of Grace, today I confess that I have not forgiven someone who wronged me. Help me. Help me. Help me work through my anger and disappointment to take that step toward forgiveness.

Monday, July 15

Luke 11:4 | Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

~ Forgiving God, I do the same things over and over and yet you forgive me. Help me be as forgiving to others as you are to me.

Tuesday, July 16

Matthew 6:13 | And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

~ Loving God, I am tempted everyday to say things that are not kind or uplifting. I struggle with sin – not what I consider a big sin, but the more troublesome secret sins and the sins that cause me to wish I could take it back. Help me.

Wednesday, July 17

Luke 11:4 | And don't lead us into temptation.

~ Lord God, please help me know you are with me when ever I am tempted. Help me know you are beside me to guide me through that time of trial and temptation. Why am I tempted?

Thursday, July 18

Psalm 119:73 | Your hands have made me and set me in place. Help me understand so I can learn your commandments.

~ Holy One, I acknowledge my need for help in understanding your direction and desire for the way I live my life – the life you have given me. Open my ears and my heart to hear you speak.

Friday, July 19

Psalm 46:10 | That is enough! Now know that I am God.

~ Father, I struggle so. Help me be still and stop squirming away from you. Help me be still before you so that I may hear with my heart.

Saturday, July 20

Psalm 23:1 | The LORD is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

~ God of Grace, you provide for us everything we need. Let me be thankful. Today I list all that I am thankful for _____
_____.

Sunday, July 21

Psalm 62:1 | For God alone my soul waits in silence... (NRSV)

~ Holy God, I come before you in silence – waiting, I don't know for what. But, at this moment I am silent before your holiness and I wait with expectation.

Monday, July 22

Psalm 13:1-2 | How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

~ Loving God, I can speak my fears, my disappointment and anger to you in prayer and you listen not rejecting me. Thank you. Today I speak my fears out loud_____.

Tuesday, July 23

Psalm 16:1 | Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.

~ Protecting God, I call on you for protection and to be my shield from my fears. I trust that you will surround me with good and keep me safe.

Wednesday, July 24

Mark 10:47 | ...he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!”

~ Jesus, have mercy on me, have mercy on me, have mercy on me, most merciful Lord. I can shout out my needs and you are there, you hear me.

Thursday, July 25

Mark 1:35 | Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer.

~ Jesus, you began your day early in the morning in prayer. It was important to you to be alone with God in the early hours of the day. Help me find that time to be alone with God. Show me my day and my night and help me get away with you.

Friday, July 26

Mark 6:46 | After saying good-bye to them, Jesus went up onto a mountain to pray.

~ Jesus, You left everyone and went away to be alone with God to pray. Help me to want to find the time to get away alone with you to pray. Being alone restored you after being with people – I know this is what I need, why am I reluctant to do it?

Saturday, July 27

Luke 6:12 | During that time, Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night long.

~ Dear Jesus, you prayed all night before you made big decisions about your life and ministry. By your leading and example I too am called to spend hours in prayer, maybe all night long. Help me be ready and prepared by spending time in prayer.

Sunday, July 28

Luke 9:28 | ... he took Peter, John and James, and went up on a mountain to pray.

~ Loving Jesus, you prayed with others. Sometimes my time of prayer is solitary and I forget that you prayed with dear friends. Help me look for opportunities to pray with friends so that we may support and encourage one another through prayer.

Monday, July 29

Matthew 17:5 | A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!”

~ Almighty God, it is plain to me that you call us to listen to Jesus. You gave him to us as an example of how to love, how to live, how to forgive, how to know you. We know you because we know Jesus. Open our hearts to his teaching on prayer so that we may come to you and know you and love you more and more.

Tuesday, July 30

Mark 1:15 / ...repent, and believe in the good news.

~ Lord, there are so many things of which we need to repent: selfishness, fear and anxiety, lack of compassion, intolerance, injustice. I offer you a prayer of confession and repentance.

Wednesday, July 31

Revelation 22:17 / “The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come! ‘Let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let the one who is thirsty come! Let the one who wishes receive life-giving water as a gift.”

~ Christ, Our Lord, you call and say “Come!” You desire communion with me! I come, dear Lord, I come to you in prayer and service!

All scripture is taken from The Common English Bible (CEB)

This prayer calendar is designed to aid you in your daily life of prayer.

Read the scripture for the day over and over, out loud if possible. As you read, listen with an “ear of the heart” to a word or phrase that strikes you.

Reflect on that word or phrase asking yourself the question: “What is God saying to me through this word or phrase at this time?” Spend time in silence with this scripture mulling it over in your mind and heart.

Allow God to speak to you in the silence. Offer a prayer out of your reflection.

Thank God for whatever you received in the silence of your prayer and take that with you through your day.

