

Simplified Prayer Guide

Week of May 31st, 2020



Scripture Passage: **2 Corinthians 1:8-11**

REMEMBER: These bullet points are *possible prayer prompts*. They work best in groups when the leader leads the group to pray *aloud* (so that everyone can hear), *briefly* (a sentence or two), and *clearly* (one thought at a time).

YOU ARE WORTHY: Jesus' model prayer teaches us to pray, "*Our Father, hallowed be Thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...*"

Prompts for younger children to pray– you could have them repeat after you:

- Father, I praise You because You raised Jesus from the dead!
- I worship You because I can put my hope in You!

- You are worthy of the weight of our hope! We hope in you for...

- You are our Deliverer! We trust You to deliver us because...

WE ARE NEEDY: Next Jesus instructed us to pray, "*give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*"

Prompts for younger children to pray– you could have them repeat after you:

- Father, help me to trust you when I am having a hard day!
- Forgive me for sometimes acting like I don't need Your help!

- You want us to set our hope in You! Help us to rest in your care when...

- Forgive us when we've relied on ourselves by...

- Deliver us from despairing over our situations, instead let us...

Standard Prayer Guide

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REMEMBER: These are *possible prayer prompts*, and work best when the leader leads the group to pray *aloud* (so that everyone can hear), *briefly* (a sentence or two), and *clearly* (one thought at a time).

REVERENCE: This is our time to *praise* or *revere* God as Christ instructed us to begin our prayer with, "*Our Father, hallowed be Thy name...*"

Prompts for younger children to pray– you could have them repeat after you:

- God, I praise You because You raised Jesus from the dead!
- I worship You because I can put my hope in You!

- You are worthy of the weight of our hope! We hope in you for...
- You are our Deliverer! We trust You to deliver us because...

RESPONSE: This is our time to *respond* to God, asking that "*your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...*" as Christ instructed us.

- You want us to set our hope in You! Help us to rest in your care when...
- Lord, You call us to intercede for one another and thank you for Your response, so teach us to pray for those who...

REQUESTS: Next we make *requests* of our Heavenly Father, in line with what He calls us to ask for. Jesus instructed us to pray, "*give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*"

- Give us what we need today, so that we will continually rely on You for...
- Father, according to Your will, deliver us from the afflictions of...
- Forgive us when we've relied on ourselves by...

READINESS: This is our time to ask God to make us *ready* to live in joyful obedience to His will, as Jesus instructed us to pray, "*lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*"

- Deliver us from the host of temptations that come from despair, instead let us...
- Lead us not into thinking that we can rely on ourselves alone when it comes to...
- Lord, let us not be captive to emotions, but let us trust Your promises even when...

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Discussion & Group Questions

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*Note: The Kids' and Students' questions start with an "engaging question," and they transition into the "heart-level truth" we're aiming at. It ends up as more of a "talk" than a simple Q & A. That's why they look long 😊

Discussion Questions for **KIDS**:

- 1) Main Idea: **GOD USES HARD TIMES TO TEACH US TO TRUST HIM** – What was the last thing you remember learning to do? Tie your shoes? Color a picture? Ride a tricycle? It's not easy at first because we have to learn some things before we can do it. *God uses hard times in our lives to teach us too, so that we learn that we can trust in Him and not ourselves.*
- 2) Main Idea: **JESUS WANTS US TO PRAY FOR OTHERS** – When you pray, what do you normally pray for? What people do you like to pray for? Do you thank God for hearing your prayers because of Jesus? *Jesus wants us to pray for our families, our church, and the leaders of our country, and thank Him for hearing us because of Jesus' death and resurrection!*

Discussion Questions for **STUDENTS**:

- 1) Have you ever felt overwhelmed with a particular project, or with all you have to do? How do you normally handle that kind of thing? *What does verse 9 say about one of the reasons for being "utterly burdened beyond our strength" and how does that square with your pattern?*
- 2) Have you, or someone around you said something like "I'm just ready for this to get back to normal"? What might that say about where their (or your) hope is placed? *Why does it matter that our hope be placed in something (or Someone) that can actually deliver what we're hoping for? What would it look like to live like we believe Jesus is our only hope?*

Discussion Questions for **ADULTS**:

- 1) In what ways have you felt like you're "in Asia" during this season? Describe those challenges (even if it's more about how you feel than about what you think should make sense!).
- 2) How has God brought you into places of deeper reliance upon Him in times of trial? At what point in the journey were you able to see that He was doing such?
- 3) When you face deep trials, why is it essential to remember that God is in the business of raising the dead?