

Prayers to Pray

OVER BIBLE STUDY

1

Start Again.

Dear Lord, as I open your word today, lead me to you. I confess my lack of desire sometimes to even read your word. But today I want to start again. It has been a long time since I have read your word and I confess my sins before you. I pray you will heal my wondering heart with truth today as I read your word. I pray you help remind me that each morning I have new mercies waiting for me. You are here and I need not fear rejection. Your word is welcoming and open to me. Help me to start new today. I know I fail, but you forgive. I know I am unfaithful, but you are enduring and patient with me. Help me to seek you and see you today in the passage I'm reading. Amen. (Psalm 1)

2

Hear His Voice.

Dear Father, as I open up your word I want to hear your voice. I'll admit sometimes I wonder if you are still speaking. Please forgive my doubt and worry. You are still speaking through your word. I need ears to hear and eyes to see what your word has for me. Let me not be afraid of the truth I might find. Help lead me to the words you want me to read today and speak into my situation. I am struggling with _____. I know your word has been written for my comfort and edification, so let me lean into the truth I find. Help speak to me and help the Spirit have free reign to convict and comfort. In Your Name, Amen. (Psalm 51)

3

Direction and Wisdom.

O God, maker of the world, I pray you will guide me today. There is so much uncertainty in my world, my life, and in my mind today. I pray you will give me wisdom. You promised in James to provide wisdom for anyone who asks. Well, I'm asking. I'm begging for direction, especially for this decision right now. It weighs on me, but you have promised to give me direction and guide my steps. Walk with me and help me make the best decision possible, but I leave the results up to you. As I open your word, bring to mind the passages in which you want me to remember. In Your Holy Name, Amen. (Psalm 25)

4

Dwelling with God.

O Heavenly Father who resides beside the angels on high. Your throne, dominion, and power are far beyond what I could even imagine. Yet you have promised to invite me into a place where I can dwell with you. You say your secret place is a place I am free from fear. I pray you will help me abide in you, as Jesus talked about in John 15. O Lord I pray you will stay close to me, even in the doubts and fears, I want to know you more. Speak into my Bible reading today and let me draw close to you and feel your presence more fully. In Your Sweet Name, Amen. (Psalm 91)

5

Understand the Word.

O Jesus, God the Father, and Holy Spirit work together to speak to me during my Bible study time. I pray you will open the eyes of my heart so that I can see the truth you would have for me today. Convict me. Encourage me. Lead me. Guide me. Speak to me as I open up the Word. It is alive and so are you. I pray I will lean into the grace found in Jesus, the love of the God the Father, and the power of the Holy Spirit. May the Trinity guide my Bible study today. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)