

An introduction to my prayer guides

Psalm 138:2 I will bow down toward Your holy temple and will praise Your Name for Your love and Your faithfulness, for **You have exalted above all things Your Name and Your Word.**

I am convinced that there are two things that the Lord delights to hear repeated back to Him in prayer: His Name and His Word.

What you will find attached are pages out of my own prayer notebook. They are usually divided into eight sections. One section I pray over daily; the other seven sections I use to direct my prayers each day of the week. You will find my personalized prayers in blue italicized text. I don't usually print my prayers as you will find in these prayer guides. In my own prayer journal I typically just print the verses from Scripture and use them to prompt my prayers to the Lord.

For example:

1 Timothy 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 Who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. *Lord, I pray for kings (the president) and all those who are in authority in every level of government, that we, the people, may have the freedom to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases You, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

I don't like to repeat memorized prayers. I believe the Lord likes our prayers to be fresh, not stale, old, memorized prayers. I have printed example prayers in blue, just to illustrate how to turn God's Word into prayer unto Him. I call it personalizing Scripture into prayer.

Remember, this is **my** prayer list that I am sharing with you. Feel free to use what you like and overlook what you don't like. My desire in sharing this with you is to encourage you to develop a prayer journal of your own and to develop the practice of repeating God's Word back to Him in prayer.

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater ministry, prayer is the greater ministry." Oswald Chambers

A short biography of the writer

Greetings in His Precious Name!

While attending college in 1971 I was introduced to my-wife-to be and my Lord both on the same day at a local church in our college town. We married a few years later and attended the church where we had met. We met a young couple there who had been discipled by the Navigators, and they asked if we would like to meet with them weekly to study a Navigator course called the 2:7 Series Discipleship Course. It was far more than a study of a series of books; it was a two year one-on-one discipling period. One of the course graduation requirements was that over the period of two years we had to memorize and quote 60 Scripture verses. That, I thought, was a joke! I was a newborn babe in Christ and didn't even know John 3:16 by memory! Over that two year period, the Lord really got hold of my heart and gave me a genuine love for the Scriptures. Before the course ended, I had memorized more than 300 verses. As the years went on, I continued in the discipline of memorizing. These memorized verses became the foundation of my prayer guides.

During our two years of discipleship training, we were also challenged to develop our own prayer journals. The prayer guides that are included in this website were not written for anyone else, nor for the sake of making this website. They are my own personal prayer guides which I have been developing for over 50 years.

During our maturing years we met two older mature men who always seemed to include Scripture in their prayers. That was new to me, I had never heard anyone do that. As I grew in Christ and had a large bank of Scriptures memorized, I began including Scripture in my own prayer life. I came to the belief that the best way to pray scripturally is to pray Scripture! You will notice that almost every one of my prayers include Scripture. None of my printed prayers are meant to be memorized, they are included only as examples for you to pattern your own prayers after the words of Scripture.

My prayer is that the Lord might use these prayer guides to assist you in developing your own prayer journal and deepening your own prayer life and walk with the Lord.

Miscellaneous Notes:

1. Size

These prayer guides are designed to be printed on half-sheet paper (5.5" by 8.5"). Three-ring notebooks are available in this size.

2. Arrangement

You may put these prayer guides in any order you wish, however I would recommend arranging the first guides in the order given here, then the rest in any order.

1. Worship Verses
2. Worship God
3. Names of God – list
4. Names of God – expanded
5. He is Worthy
6. Praise
7. Thanksgiving 1
8. Thanksgiving 2

3. This is a living document. I am continually in a state of revision. The revision date is on the last page of each prayer guide. If you compare the date on your printed guide with the online version and you see a more recent date, there has been a revision. It may be just a typo or a revision of some sort.