

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



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1. PRAY - In the last 3 weeks, Portugal has been number one in the world for new COVID-19 cases and deaths per capita. The hospitals are overwhelmed. We are in total lockdown again with stores, restaurants, schools, and many businesses closed. We are told to remain in our homes and have closed our borders. Our church is now back to online only services again.

2. PRAY - We have several members struggling with COVID and have also seen a number of members lose their jobs. Please pray!



POWER UP!
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Yes, God Can Hear You Now With Prayer

Why do you pray?

Don't be too quick to give a generic Sunday school answer. Take a moment and think honestly: what causes you to pray?

Perhaps the answer to that question can be discovered with another question: when was the last time you prayed? (I'm talking about our personal prayer life, not a prayer before a meal or during a small group).

I think that, at some level, we are tempted to view prayer only as a vehicle to bring God our list of wants, desires, or needs. If that's the case, we will only pray when something is outside of our ability to acquire it.

Yes, prayer is meant for that purpose - "Give us today our daily bread." But, prayer is so much more. One of the things I love most - and that also challenges me the most - about The Lord's Prayer is that it begins with surrender.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." That's a surrendering prayer. How so? In four ways:

1. Prayer is surrendering to Someone more ultimate than you.

By confessing God as our Father, we immediately reduce ourselves to a child. If we pray this in conjunction with Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God..." - it will keep us in our rightful place.

2. Prayer is surrendering to a plan bigger and better than yours.

Prayer confronts us with the fact that we are not as smart or as powerful as we wish we were. It reminds us that there is a Kingdom that spans from before origin to beyond destiny and includes everything in between.

3. Prayer is surrendering your right to live as you want.

Prayer is bowing our knee to the reality that we do not have any natural right at all to do what we want to do with our lives. We have been created to live inside God's boundaries.

4. Prayer is surrendering your hope in life to God's grace.

The entire Lord's Prayer is actually one of surrender. It ends with "give us" and "forgive us" and "lead us" and "deliver us." Our only hope for all of these things is the generous, empowering grace of God!

So today, close your eyes, bow your head, and surrender. Victory is found when you surrender!

Source: "Pray With Intent To Surrender" by Paul Tripp

KEY VERSE

Luke 24:30 (NKJV)

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 24:28-32; Colossians 4:2; Luke 11:1-4

In The Village Of Emmaus

1. Last week we studied what happened on the road to Emmaus. This week we will study what happened in the village of Emmaus. What stands out to you most about Luke 24:28-32? Why?
2. Describe a time you spent in prayer that was really meaningful to you.

Tuesday: Luke 24:28-29, 32; James 5:16; Hebrews 4:16

Talk With God

3. How often do you pray? What do you usually talk to God about?
4. What does it mean to be fervent in prayer? How fervent are you in prayer?

Wednesday: Luke 24:29; John 15:1-9; Psalm 91:1-2

Stay In Fellowship With God

5. In today's reading, the two followers of Jesus asked Him to abide with them in Emmaus? What does it mean for Jesus to abide with you?
6. What does the phrase "Fellowship With God" mean to you? How can you have a lifestyle of prayer?

Thursday: Luke 24:30; Colossians 3:16-18; Luke 17:11-19

Express Thanksgiving To God

7. List some things that you are thankful for.
8. What role does giving thanks play in your prayer life? How often do you give thanks to God?
9. Why is it sometimes easy to forget to thank God for what He has done? Why is it important to give thanks?

Friday: Luke 24:31; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:7-11

Know The Person Of God

10. Make a list of things you know about God. How does prayer help you to know the person of God?
11. When you pray do you leave opportunity for God to speak to your heart? How can you better listen to God?
12. How can you power up through prayer this week?