



WEEK OF PRAYER 2017

Tuesday: Praying with Consistency

This then is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6.9-11

The example and instruction of Jesus was daily prayer: “Give us this day . . .” Day-by-day practice and consistency, worship and dependency, is a foundational teaching in Scripture regarding our relationship with God—

Joshua 1.8: “meditate day and night”

Psalm 1.8: “he meditates day and night”

Isaiah 50.4: “He wakens me morning by morning”

Ezekiel 46.13-15: “Every day you are to provide a [sacrifice] . . . morning by morning you shall provide it.”

In His instruction to the disciples, Jesus presents this paradigm of a day-by-day practice and consistency, in worship and dependency as the pattern for our relationship to God and the pattern for prayer.

Let’s pray that we would delight in God as our Father, wanting to spend time with Him, not taking Him for granted or being too busy for Him. Pray that time with Him would be our daily priority, the beginning of every day.

Let’s pray that hinderances to prayer—

- dysfunctional marriage relationships (1 Peter 3.7)
- unforgiveness (Matthew 5.23-24)
- cherished sin (Psalm 66.18)
- indifference toward the Word of God (Proverbs 28.9)

will be addressed in our lives so that our hearts will deeply long for the presence of God and we will truly seek Him “in spirit and in truth.”