



THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE

PRAYER FOCUS DAY

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3: 17-16 (New Living Translation).

Adoration

Everlasting God, you loved us so much that you gave us your Scripture for our benefit. You wrote your Scripture upon our heart. (Jeremiah 31:33). It is full of living power, piercing our innermost thoughts and desires and exposing us for what we really are. (Hebrews 4:12). In your Scripture is truth and wisdom. (Proverbs 30:5; Proverbs 1:1-3). Through your Scripture, you teach us how to live a purpose filled life for your glory. You teach us to love you and one another. (Matthew 22:36-40). Scripture allows us to realize that we can be free from the bondage of sin. Gracious Father, you fulfill your Scriptures and honor your promises so that we can be free from the law and live in your Grace. (Romans 6:14). Heaven and Earth will disappear, but your Word will last forever. (1 Peter 1:25; Luke 21:33).

Confession

Lord, we confess that we do not study your Scripture as often as we should. In times of trouble, we often rely upon our own understanding rather than trust in your wisdom. Or worse, we reject your instructions. (Proverbs 3:5-6). We admit failing to take every thought captive as we should in order to think about things that are true, right and worthy of praise. (2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8). We forget to heed the Scripture's instructions to serve one another in love, to resolve conflict, to manage money wisely, and to control our behavior and tongue. (Matthew 18:15-18; Proverbs 13:11; Luke 3:41-43; Galatians 5:13, 22-26; James 1:19-22; James 3:2). We

confess that we stumble because we do not obey your Scripture. (1 Peter 2:8). Although discipline is not enjoyable while it is happening, we know that you love us when you bring us back to yourself and that, afterward, we will experience a peaceful harvest of right living. (Hebrews 12:10-11). Forgive us for our disobedience.

Thanksgiving

Lord, we are grateful for the many blessings your Scripture provides. It heals, encourages and strengthens us. When we feel discouraged, your Scripture reminds us that we are victorious. It provides guidance in times of trouble and gives us faith and hope for the future. Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path. (Psalm 119:105). Blessed are those who hear your Word and put it into practice. (Luke 11:28). Scripture helps us to show your truth by our actions and to live in your power and purpose. Thank you for speaking truth into our lives and correcting our wrong thinking. (1 John 3:18). Your Scripture renews our minds and changes us into new people. (Romans 12:2). Thank you for honoring your promises no matter how often or far we stray. You are completely reliable and all of your Scripture proves true. (Proverbs 30:5).

Supplication

As we obey your Scripture, we ask for and receive the promised blessings. We know that we need more than bread for our lives. We must feed on your Word. (Matthew 4:4). Throughout our daily lives, we need the guidance of your commands. (Psalm 119:19). Help us to meditate upon your Scriptures day and night. (Psalm 1:1-3). May we embrace your instructions and delight in the principles of your Word. (Psalm 119:16). Help us to remove the thorns from our lives and to allow your Scripture to flourish in our mind. Prepare and equip us to do your will.

During this Thanksgiving season, we thank you for imparting your Scripture. We ask that through your Scripture you would give strength and courage to those who are lonely, hurting, sick, afraid, tired, frustrated, oppressed, jobless or homeless. May your Scripture guide the decisions of those in authority over our governments and those who secure our freedoms. Let your Scripture give life transforming power to all believers, and to those who are seeking a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

EXPECT A MIRACLE!