

FOCUSED PRAYING

TAKEN FROM PRINCIPLES GIVEN IN DON MILLER'S PRAYER CONFERENCE

**These are meant to be helpful guides that can be used in segments or at one sitting if time allows. Do NOT allow these to become a "Pharisee checklist." Keep the joy in communing with the Father.

1.) PRAISE

- PSALM 150:6, "LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!"
- PSALM 34:1, "I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES; HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH."
- PSALM 113:3, "FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING, THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED."

2.) CONFESSION

- PSALM 139:23-24, "SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART! TRY ME AND KNOW MY THOUGHTS! AND SEE IF THERE BE ANY HURTFUL WAY IN ME, AND LEAD ME IN THE EVERLASTING WAY."
- 1 JOHN 1:9, "IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."
- PSALM 66:18, "IF I HAD CHERISHED SIN IN MY HEART, THE LORD WOULD NOT HAVE LISTENED."

3.) READ THE WORD

(Below are some great reasons to read the Word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open the Word to you as you pick up your Bible now to read and study.)

- 2 TIMOTHY 3:16, "ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, AND FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS."
- PSALM 119:105, "YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH."
- HEBREWS 4:12, "FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE, SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING TO THE DIVISION OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, OF JOINTS AND OF MARROW, AND DISCERNING THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS OF THE HEART."

4.) MEDITATE ON THE WORD

- PSALM 119:11, "I HAVE STORED UP YOUR WORD IN MY HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU."
- PSALM 19:14, "LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN YOUR SIGHT, O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER."

5.) LISTEN

- PSALM 46:10, "BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. I WILL BE EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS; I WILL BE EXALTED IN THE EARTH."
- **IF YOUR MIND WANDERS HERE, GO BACK AND LET GOD SPEAK THROUGH HIS WORD.**

6.) PRAY THE WORD

(when you read the Word here, it is with the intention of stopping and praying Scripture when the Holy Spirit leads you to do so. Pretty soon most of your Bible reading will incorporate this method.)

- IF WE PRAY GOD'S WORD (IN CONTEXT), WE CAN CLAIM 1 JOHN 5:14-15, "AND THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE TOWARD HIM, THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US----WHATEVER WE ASK----WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE HAVE ASKED OF HIM. WHATEVER WE ASK WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE ASKED OF HIM."

7.) PETITION

- JAMES 4:2-3, "YOU DO NOT HAVE, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT ASK. YOU ASK AND DO NOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE YOU ASK WRONGLY, TO SPEND IT ON YOUR PASSIONS. (ASK FOR GOD TO MAKE HIS DESIRES YOUR DESIRES---TO CHANGE YOUR HEART. PSALM 37:4)

8.) **INTERCEDE**

- 1 SAMUEL 12:23, "...FAR BE IT FROM ME THAT I SHOULD SIN AGAINST THE LORD BY CEASING TO PRAY FOR YOU."
- PRIORITY * PRAY FOR SALVATION FOR THE LOST AND REVIVAL FOR THE SAVED (BE SPECIFIC IN YOUR PRAYERS.)

9.) **PASTOR**

- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13, "WE ASK YOU BROTHERS, TO RESPECT THOSE WHO LABOR AMONG YOU AND ARE OVER YOU IN THE LORD AND ADMONISH YOU, AND TO ESTEEM THEM VERY HIGHLY BECAUSE OF THEIR WORK."

10.) **CHURCH**

- ACTS 9:31, "SO THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT ALL JUDEA AND GALILEE AND SAMARIA ENJOYED PEACE, BEING BUILT UP; AND GOING ON IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD AND IN THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT CONTINUED TO INCREASE."
- PSALM 84:4, "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE, EVER SINGING YOUR PRAISE!"
- PSALM 85:6, "WILL YOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN, THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU?"
** Pray for the persecuted church around the world

11.) **LEADERS**

- 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2, "FIRST OF ALL, THEN, I URGE THAT SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE, FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN HIGH POSITIONS, THAT WE MAY LEAD A PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIFE, GODLY AND DIGNIFIED IN EVERY WAY."
- PSALM 75:6-7, "FOR NOT FROM THE EAST, NOR FROM THE WEST, NOR FROM THE DESERT COMES EXALTATION; BUT GOD IS THE JUDGE; HE PUTS DOWN ONE AND EXALTS ANOTHER."
- PROVERBS 21:1, "THE KING'S HEART IS A STREAM OF WATER IN THE HAND OF THE LORD; HE TURNS IT WHEREVER HE WILL."
- DANIEL 2:20-21a, "PRAISE BE TO THE NAME OF GOD FOR EVER AND EVER; WISDOM AND POWER ARE HIS. HE CHANGES TIMES AND SEASONS; HE SETS UP KINGS AND DEPOSES THEM."

12.) **THANKS**

- PSALM 136:1, "GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."
- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, "REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU."