

# Daily Devotional Time with God

January 18- January 24



The Holy Spirit is the One who is making us more and more like Christ. He uses Scripture and everyday life to form Christlikeness in us. Our job is to cooperate with God's grace at work in our life. One of the ways we can cooperate is by starting each day with the Word of God: **reading, studying, memorizing & praying God's Word.** The Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to release and form the life of Christ in us. This is how we *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord."*-2 Peter 3:18

Slowly and thoughtfully read the passage from God's Word each day. Think about it. Focus especially on the verse marked **Meditating on God's Word.** Then, say and repeat the memory verse several times. By the end of the week, you will have it memorized. Finally, in addition to whatever else you are talking to God about in your prayers each day also pray through the Scripture you read, turning it into a prayer.

## Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Reading God's Word:** Matthew 11:25-12:21, Psalm 12

**Memorizing God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Praying God's Word:** "Lord, far too often we carry a burden that you would not have us carry. I do all that I can to hold onto the thing that I feel I can fix-the relationships that are broken, the person I have been praying for for so long. I feel you are not listening anymore. But you are! You tell us to lay that at your feet and pick up your yoke, the yoke that is easy, and light because we are yoked to you and you do the heavy lifting and pulling. God remind me to fully surrender to you all that I have and all that I carry each and every day. Amen."

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## Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**Reading God's Word:** Matthew 12:22-45, Psalm 13

**Memorizing God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Psalm 13: 5-6 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

**Praying God's Word:** "Lord, I love the way Psalm 13 ends, trust. It starts the way I often feel. I feel frustrated, I feel unheard, I feel alone, I feel scared. But those are all just feelings and I thank you God for the truth that is v5 and v6. I know you have been good to me, I know I can trust in the salvation you bought for me. I know that you haven't failed me and your love never will. Thanks be to you, God, that your truth surpasses my feelings. Amen."

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## Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Reading God's Word:** Matthew 12:46-13:23, Psalm 14

**Memorizing God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Matthew 13:15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.

**Praying God's Word:** "Lord, I live in a world where so many hearts have become calloused. So many have closed themselves off from the God that loves them and would care for them. They are unable to see the move of God around them. Far too long they have allowed sin to reign in their life that it has calloused them to the things of God. They cannot see, they cannot hear, they cannot understand. O God, protect me from that, draw me near to you. Remove my heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh that yearns for you, to see you move, to feel your love, and to give away that love that you've given me. Amen."

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**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Reading God's Word:** Matthew 13:24-43, Psalm 15

**Memorizing God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Psalm 15:2 The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

**Praying God's Word:** "Lord, today may my walk be blameless. Give me what I need today to be blameless. I know tomorrow I will need to surrender again, but today I want to be righteous. I want to live, breath, move, act, and love like you Jesus. I want to speak truth from a heart of Love. When people interact with me, would they not see me, but see you working thru me. God would you empower me by your spirit today. I know by the blood of Jesus I am already blameless, but today I want to exemplify a life filled with the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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**Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Reading God's Word:** Matthew 13:44-14:12, Psalm 16

**Memorizing God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Matthew 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

**Praying God's Word:** "Lord, would I see heaven like this man. So valuable, so worthy, so precious that I would sell everything I have to get it, that being with Jesus would be my only goal in life. I want there to be no cost to high, nothing in my way, that I would hide it deep within me and treasure it and give it all of me. Lord I want to surrender, I want to fully believe, God help my unbelief. Amen."

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**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Reading God's Word:** Matthew 14:13-36, Psalm 17:1-7

**Memorizing God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Meditating on God's Word:** Psalm 17:7 Show me the wonders of your great love,

**Praying God's Word:** "Lord, today I need to see the wonders of your great love. However you want to do that, God, would you allow me to see your great love displayed? I believe, I trust, I know you are there. I know you know me and fully love me and I don't question it. O God, would you grant me to see it? Would you build my faith even more by allowing me to see it today? I will give you the Glory that you rightly deserve. Amen."

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**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Please use this day to reflect and meditate on the Scriptures used in the sermon, and to review your memory verse for the week. You may also want to use this day to revisit, catch up, and/or reflect more deeply on your reading from God's Word this week. And remember, He is Risen!*

**Memorizing God's Word:** Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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