#4 of 9 — Study & Declare God's Word

Luke 7:5-8::16 (NLT, NIV)

A centurion sent friends to say to Jesus: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof, and I am not worthy to come to you. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him and said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

In a funeral procession one day, Jesus said, "Young man, I tell you, get up." Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said.

When a woman who had lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and began to wet his feet with her tears. When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus replied with this story. "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred pieces of silver, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" The Pharisee replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman—and said, "I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

After this, Jesus traveled about proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable: "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some fell on a footpath, some among rocks, some among thorns and some on fertile soil. He said, "The seed is God's word. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest."

The prayers in this folder are excerpts from the book, **Praying Through the New Testament.** These prayers sound like Scripture because they are formed from Scripture.

In your own life, as you go from task to task throughout your day, you might often breathe a short prayer to God. Your prayers may jump from person to person as they come to mind, and from need to need. You might burst into a song of praise.

The Scripture-based prayers in this folder are similar to this. The prayer subject often changes, and the person for whom you pray may change often too.

These Scripture-based prayers are not the only way to pray, but they are a wonderful way to pray—an effective way to pray Scripture into the lives of others.

You will find this way of praying especially helpful when you pray for family members and others for whom you pray on a regular basis. You will also find yourself praying this way for people you don't even know.

Jesus said,
"My Temple will be called
A House of Prayer."
Matthew 21:13

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Study God's Word
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Pray God's Word
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praying scripture prayers

provide the practical help and inspiration we all need to pray more consistently and effectively.

Visit scriptureprayers.ca for easy-to-use Downloads to assist you in praying Scripture prayers for yourself, your loved ones, and for those you don't even know.

Scripture-based prayers can put into words the deep desires we carry in our hearts for others.

Pray them with thanksgiving in your heart, and watch to see what God does —not only in you, but also in others.

Use this Bible Reading and Prayer HandOut in a variety of ways.
Here Are Some Guidelines:

1. Read the Bible passage on the back of the folder. Ponder and study it. Underline the main theme of each paragraph. This will lead to praying God's Word.
2. On the inside of the folder, pray the *REQUESTS, PRAYERS & THANKSGIVING* prayers for yourself. Also pray spontaneous prayers along these themes.
3. Now pray the *INTERCESSION* prayers for others in the same way.
4. Choose praise songs to SING God's Word.
   (NOTE: If you are following this study-prayer time on your own, pray the prayers aloud. It is good to hear your voice speaking to God).

REQUESTS, PRAYERS, AND THANKSGIVING

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Based on Luke 7:7-8:15

LORD JESUS, You have authority to make the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and You can raise the dead. You heal people with all kinds of diseases. I praise You that You can heal me. You only need to speak a word, and my sickness will leave. I ask You to heal me of (this). Show Your mercy to me. **Thank You** for healing me.

Jesus, I ask You to stir my heart to tell others the *Good News* of Your salvation.

Jesus, I have turned to You—and it is Your will to bless me. **Thank You** for Your grace—Your power to obey. I ask You to make me wise as I learn to follow You. Remind me how wrong it is to refuse to do what You say.

LORD JESUS, I ask You to do a deep work in my life so that I will pour out my love on You. I ask You to love people through me. Strengthen me to serve others with a whole heart. Fill me with Your Spirit.

Jesus, thank You for forgiving my sins. If I thought I had only a few sins to forgive, I would not love You very much. But my sins were many—and You forgave them all. **Thank You** for filling my heart with peace. Open up opportunities for me to tell others about You.

Heavenly Father, I release my money and my resources to You to further Your Kingdom.

Jesus, thank You for the good seed of Your Word, and for all who sowed Your Word in my life.

Lord Jesus, anoint me to plant the good seed of Your Word in the hearts of others. Show me the condition of people's hearts. Help me to know when Your good seed falls beside the road, on rocky ground, among thorny weeds, or on good soil. Empower me to love people. Give me insight into their needs. Strengthen me to be patient with people with all kinds of hearts.

Father, I praise You. When I heard Your Word, I received it, and I obeyed You from my heart. Now Your Spirit is producing Your fruit in me. I am so thankful.

INTERCESSION

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Based on Luke 7:7-8:15

LORD JESUS, remind (STEADFAST) that You have authority to make the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and You can raise the dead. You heal people with all kinds of diseases. I pray that (STEADFAST) will praise You that You can heal him/her. You only need to speak a word, and his/her sickness will leave. I ask You to heal him/her of (this). Show Your mercy. Lead him/her to call out to You for healing.

Jesus, I ask You to fill (BOLDNESS) with Your Spirit. Lead him/her to share with others the *Good News* of Your salvation.

Jesus, (DISCIPLE) has put his/her faith in You. Remind him/her that it is Your will to bless him/her. Lead him/her to thank You for Your grace—Your power to obey. I pray that (DISCIPLE) will yield his/her life completely to You, and follow You. Remind him/her how wrong it is to refuse to do what You say.

LORD JESUS, lead (WORSHIP) to pour out his/her love on You. Release him/her to let Your love flow through him/her to other people. Strengthen him/her to serve others with a whole heart. Fill him/her with Your Spirit.

Jesus, lead (SALVATION) to come to You and ask You to forgive his/her sins. Show him/her that he/she doesn't have only a few sins—but many. Reveal to him/her that You will forgive them all. I pray that (SALVATION) will want to know real peace—the peace that only You can give.

LORD, open up opportunities for (WITNESS) to tell others about You. Work in him/her to release his/her money and resources to further Your Kingdom.

Lord Jesus, I pray that (GRATEFUL) will be thankful for the good seed of Your Word—and for all who sowed Your Word in his/her life.

Jesus, lead (WITNESS) to plant the good seed of Your Word in the lives of others. Show him/her the condition of people's hearts. Help him/her to know when Your good seed falls beside the road, on rocky ground, among thorny weeds, or on good soil. Fill (DISCERNMENT) with love for others, and patience with people with all kinds of hearts.

Father, lead (WORSHIP) to praise You. Remind him/her that when he/she heard Your Word, he/she received it with joy—and obeyed You from his/her heart. Now Your Spirit is producing Your fruit in him/her. Fill him/her with thanks to You.