#3 of 9 — Study & Declare God's Word

Mark 8:2-37 (NLT, NIV)

Jesus said, "I have compassion for these people." His disciples replied, "How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?" Jesus told the crowd to sit down. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. He gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. The people ate and were satisfied. About four thousand men were present.

The Pharisees came and started to argue with Jesus. Testing him, they demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority. Jesus sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, no sign will be given to it."

The disciples began to argue with each other because they hadn't brought any bread. Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, "Why are you arguing about having no bread? Don't you know or understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in? 'You have eyes—can't you see? You have ears—can't you hear? 'Don't you remember anything at all? When I fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread, how many baskets of leftovers did you pick up afterward?" "Twelve," they said. "And when I fed the 4,000 with seven loaves, how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?" "Seven," they said. "Don't you understand yet?" he asked them.

Some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly.

Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."

Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him."

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
Speak out God's Word
Pray God's Word
Let's Sing God's Word

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 Mark 8:2-37

LORD JESUS, fill me with Your compassion—the same compassion You had for people when You preached to them, healed them, and fed the four thousand. Jesus, I give You all I have, and I ask You to multiply it. I trust You to supply my needs. I won't ask for a miracle to prove You are God. Your Word is enough.

Heavenly Father, make me mindful of the way You do things. Keep me from having a closed mind. Enable me to see, and to understand, and to really listen to You.

Jesus, I ask You for wisdom to assess what I have. **Thank You** for everything that You have given to me. I ask You to bless it. I believe You want to bless me with more—so that I can share it with others. I look to You, and I depend on You. I believe I will always have enough and leftovers too.

LORD, lead me to those who need to be healed. You are able to heal them. You can make even the blind see clearly.

LORD JESUS, You are the Christ. You had to suffer many terrible things and die. People bound by religious spirits, and those who only lived by rules did not accept You. You would be killed—to die for our sins, and after three days You would rise from the dead.

Jesus, help me to see things the way You see them, not merely from a human point of view.

LORD JESUS, help me to spend more time alone with You because You want me to know You more. Thank You for revealing to me that are the Son of God—the One dearly loved by Your Father and was sent from Him. I worship You. I will listen to You. Work in my heart to listen to You more.

INTERCESSION

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Based on Mark 8:2-37

LORD JESUS, fill (COMPASSION) with compassion—the same compassion You had for people when You preached to them, healed them, and fed the four thousand. Release (DISCIPLE) to give You everything he/she has, so that You can multiply it. Empower him/her to trust You to supply all his/her needs. Teach him/her not to ask for a miracle to prove You are God. Your Word is enough.

Father, lead (COURAGE) to do things Your way. Keep him/her from having a closed mind. Empower him/her to see, and to really listen to You. Help him/her to assess what he/she has, and to thank You—and to ask You to bless it. Enable (COURAGE) to turn everything over to You. Lead him/her to make preparation for the blessing You want to give—so that he/she can share it with others. Increase his/her faith. May he/she trust You to multiply what You give, and to believe that there will always be enough and leftovers too. Empower him/her to do things Your way.

Jesus, lead (COMPASSION) to those who need to be healed. Give him/her faith to believe that You can heal them. LORD, You can do all things. You can make even the blind see clearly.

Jesus, reveal to (SALVATION) that You are the Christ. You had to suffer many terrible things. Show (SALVATION) that You had to die in order to deliver him/her from useless religion and the demands of the law. And after three days, You would rise from the dead.

Lord Jesus, enable (DISCIPLE) to spend more time with You because You want him/her to know You more. Make (DISCIPLE) more and more aware of who You are—that You are the Son of God—dearly loved by Your Father.

Jesus, enable (WISDOM) to see things as You see them, and not merely from a human point of view.

Father, thank You for revealing to (DISCIPLE) that You are the Son of God—the One You dearly love—the One You sent. Lead (DISCIPLE) to worship You. Work in his/her heart to listen to You and to listen to You more.