#6 of 9 — Study & Declare God's Word

John 18:6-20:3 (NLT, NIV)

"I Am he," Jesus said. Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." "If you are looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

"You are not one of his disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter. He replied, "I am not. "As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not."

Pilate summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus asked, "Is that your own idea, or did others talk to you about me?" "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Jesus was flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face. Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."

They took Jesus away. There they nailed him to the cross. Jesus said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit. They didn't break his legs. One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, "Not one of his bones will be broken," and "They will look on the one they pierced."

Early on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away. They still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!"

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me. These are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

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 scripturepprayers.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).

Based on John 18:6-20:31

LORD JESUS, the night You were betrayed, You knew what would happen to You. Your Word was fulfilled even in this: You didn't lose a single one that Your Father gave to You.

> JESUS, thank You for drinking the cup the Father gave You to drink. Thank You for drinking it for me.

Jesus, strengthen me, so that I will not leave You, forsake You, or deny You.

LORD Jesus, when I am accused of doing wrong, give me wisdom, and the words to say, so I will know how to answer.

JESUS, Your Kingdom is not of this world. You came to bring truth to the world. You were born a King. **Thank You** for working in my life and for giving me a love for the truth. Your Word is truth.

Jesus, You were flogged, and a crown of thorns was placed on Your head. You were mocked and beaten. People cried out, "Crucify Him."

Lord Jesus, I praise You that no one had any power over You unless it was given by Your Father from above.

Jesus, before You died, You said, "It is finished." And they pierced Your side with a spear. These things happened to fulfill the Scriptures—not one of Your bones was broken; and they looked on the One they had pierced.

LORD JESUS, I praise You that on that first Sunday morning, the stone was rolled away. You were not in the tomb. You were risen! The disciples and many others saw You. You showed them Your hands and Your side. They were filled with joy when they saw You—their LORD! I ask You to continue to bless me with Your peace.

> **LORD Jesus**, as the Father sent You, I ask You to send me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Make me bold to tell others that You forgive sin. Deliver me from doubting You. Thank You that You have blessed me because I believe in You, even though I have not seen You with my eyes.
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> *Jesus,* thank You for Your Word. It reveals that You are the Messiah, the Son of God. I believe in You. Thank You that You have given me Eternal Life by the power of Your Name.

Based on John 18:6-20:31

LORD JESUS, I praise You that not even one person that Your Father has given to You will be lost. **Thank You** for drinking the cup that Your Father gave You to drink. Thank You for drinking it for (SALVATION).

JESUS, I pray that (SALVATION) will realize that Your Kingdom is not of this world. You came from heaven to bring truth to the world. I ask You to open the heart of (SALVATION) to be willing to hear Your Word, and to listen to it.

> **LORD Jesus**, reveal to (SALVATION) that You are the Son of God. Make him/her aware that everything the prophets said about You is true, and that everything happened just as You said.

LORD, I ask You to give (DISCIPLE) more compassion for members of his/her family and for others.

JESUS, reveal to (SALVATION) that before You died, You cried out, "It is finished!" Show (SALVATION) that You died for his/her sins.

Lord Jesus, reveal to (SALVATION) that You were raised from the dead. On that first Sunday morning, You appeared to the disciples and to many others. I ask You to stir in (SALVATION) a hunger for the peace and joy that only You can give.

> **Jesus**, fill (JOY) with praise that You were raised from the dead. Fill him/her with Your peace and joy.

JESUS, remind (JOY) that just as the Father sent You into the world, You want to send him/her into the world to tell others about You. Breathe Your Holy Spirit on him/her.

Jesus, I pray that (SPIRIT-FILLED) will receive Your Holy Spirit, and that You will send him/her out to tell others about You. Take away all doubt. Fill him/her with faith.

Jesus, lead (JOY) to praise You that You are LORD and God. You are the Christ, the Son of God. Fill him/her with joy that his/her faith is in You. Lead (DISCIPLE) to praise You that You have given him/her Eternal Life by the power of Your Name.