#9 of 9 — Study & Declare God's Word

James 1:1-27 (NLT, NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

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

Read Ponder Pray

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 scripturepraysers.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 James 1:1-27

HEAVENLY FATHER, strengthen me when I go through various trials. Help me to see them as opportunities to experience Your joy. Keep me mindful that trials come to test my faith, and to work patience in me. I ask You to strengthen me, so that my patience will be evident in everything I do. Then I will be perfect, complete, and lack nothing.

Father, I need wisdom. I ask You for wisdom in (this). Help me to learn to trust You as I keep coming back to You for more and more wisdom—because You delight in giving me wisdom.

Jesus, help me to always believe, and not to doubt You. If I doubt, I am like a wave on the sea tossed by the wind. Remind me if I ask for wisdom and doubt that You will give it to me generously, then I won't receive it from You.

LORD Jesus, I ask You to strengthen me when I am tempted. I want You to bless me. When I am tempted, help me to prove that my faith in You is real. Keep me from thinking that You are tempting me, because You don't tempt anyone. Remind me that I am tempted when I am led away by my own selfish desires—and I become trapped. This leads to sin. And when sin takes over, it brings about death.

Jesus, keep me mindful that every good and perfect gift comes from You.

HEAVENLY FATHER, help me to listen, to be slow to speak, and not easily angered. Remind me that anger will not help me to live the way You want me to live. Help me to get rid of all that is wrong in my life. Lead me to accept with gentleness the truth that You have planted in my heart. Keep me from being deceived by only listening to Your Word, but not doing anything about it. Remind me that I can only be happy if I study Your Word and obey it—because Your Word sets me free. Work in me so I won't forget what I hear—but do it.

Jesus, keep me from deception—thinking that I am spiritual, but I can't control my tongue. This only shows that my faith in You is worthless. Work in me, so that my faith will be pure and without fault. Keep me mindful that real living faith will lead me to care for the orphans and widows who need help—and to keep myself free from the world's evil influence.

Based on James 1:1-27

HEAVENLY FATHER, I ask You to strengthen (DISCIPLE) when he/she goes through various trials. Help him/her to see them as opportunities to experience Your joy. Teach him/her to trust You because trials come to test his/her faith and to work patience in him/her. Strengthen (DISCIPLE) so that his/her patience will be evident in everything he/she does. Then he/she will be perfect, complete, and lack nothing.

Father, lead (WISDOM) to call out to You for wisdom. Give him/her wisdom in (this). May he/she trust You to give him/her much wisdom. Help him/her to keep coming back to You for more and more wisdom—and to believe that You delight in giving him/her wisdom.

Jesus, help (TRUST) to always believe, and not to doubt You. Make him/her aware that if he/she doubts, he/she is like a wave on the sea tossed by the wind. Remind him/her that if he/she doubts and tries to believe at the same time, he/she won't receive anything from You.

LORD JESUS, lead (DISCIPLE) to ask You for strength when he/she is tempted. May he/she want You to bless him/her. When he/she is tempted, empower him/her to prove that his/her faith in You is real. Keep (DISCIPLE) from thinking that You are tempting him/her, because You don't tempt anyone. Remind him/her that he/she is tempted when he/she is led astray by his/her own selfish desires, and this leads to sin. And when sin takes over, it brings about death.

Jesus, help (DISCIPLE) to remember that every good and perfect gift comes from You. Fill his/her heart with praise that You decided long ago to give him/her life through Your Word.

Jesus, empower (DISCIPLE) to get rid of everything that is wrong in his/her life. Keep (DISCIPLE) from deception—by only listening to Your Word, but not doing anything about it. Remind him/her that he/she will only be happy if he/she studies Your Word and obeys it—for it can set him/her free. Work in (DISCIPLE) so that he/she will not forget what he/she hears, but will do it.

Jesus, show (DISCIPLE) that he/she is not Spirit-filled if he/she can't control his/her tongue. It only shows that his/her faith in You is worthless.

LORD Jesus, show (DISCIPLE) that in order for his/her faith to be pure and without fault, You want him/her to care for the orphans and widows who need help, and to keep himself/herself free from the world's evil influence