

Thought for the Week

How to Pray Using Scripture

This simple tool has helped me pray the Bible in my devotional times more than any other single strategy. The 3R's for praying Scripture:

1. Rejoice, 2. Repent, 3. Request

With every verse in the Bible we can do one (or more likely, all three) of these things. We can rejoice and thank God for his character and blessings. We can repent of our mistakes and sins. We can request new mercies and help.

Right now, I just flipped open my Bible and landed at Psalm 104. Verse 1 says "Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty." How might you pray through this verse with the 3 R's?

Rejoice – O Lord, you have richly blessed me more than I deserve. What a privilege that I can call you my God. Thank you for making me a little lower than the angels and crowning me with glory and honor too.

Repent – Forgive me for being blind to your splendor and majesty. Though you are very great, my circumstances and disappointments often feel greater. I'm sorry for being so ungrateful and taking your blessings for granted.

Request – Give me eyes to see as you are. Tune my heart to sing your praise. Help me see your glory in the world you've created, in the people around me, and in the face of Christ.

Obviously, some verses lend themselves to prayer more easily than others. The Psalms are particularly prayer-worthy. But with the simple strategy of Rejoice, Repent, Request there shouldn't be a verse in the Bible that can't be used as a prompt to pray.

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What's on?

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 7th John M

Jun 7th Lisa B

June 9th Ryan H

June 10th Jan A

June 10th Lizzie



GROW Women's Conference

Ladies, you are invited to join a group from CBBC attending the GROW women's conference. Join 1000 other women from Bible-teaching churches around SEQ worshipping and learning together in Brisbane on Saturday August 1. We will be organising carpooling. Tickets and more info are available at www.grow.qcca.org.au (choose the Coolum Beach Baptist Church group). Talk to Kathy Forgeard for more information.

Alpha Evangelistic Course – Term 3

We will be running our Alpha course again in Term 3, which is specifically designed to communicate the gospel to non-believers in a welcoming environment where they will have a chance to make friends and ask questions. Please be thinking about who you can invite to come along – the most effective invitation is when you offer to come along with someone. And at the same time, please start praying that through our invitations God will bring the right people to the course.

Pray for our church

Prayer is a crucial way we can know Jesus and make him known. You can get involved in prayer at our church by:

- Coming to our weekly prayer meeting at 9am on Wednesday morning.
- Receiving a page of weekly prayer points on Monday afternoon (contact Bill to receive these).
- Joining a WhatsApp group to receive urgent prayer requests which may arise at any time (contact Bill to be added).

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for the encouraging updates from our members meeting last Sunday, including healthy finances, healthy membership, and gospel fruit.
- Thank God for Garry & Chris, Val, Lyndon, Brett & Allie, Brenda, Mark & Jane, Jill, Ian, and Steve & Tara, all of whom became church members last Sunday.
- Pray for needs mentioned at our members meeting last Sunday, including our search process for an Associate Pastor, wisdom and provision for the ongoing building project, and good implementation of the new child safety policies.
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, Jeff Byrnes, Brian S, John B, and others.
- Pray for elderly parents and family members who are unwell or need increased care.

Notes

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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised." (Gen 21:1)

07
June

9AM *John Curtis*

Faithful to His Promises

Genesis 21:1-33