



Week 4 Prayer Devotional

Prepare your heart to meet with the Lord.

Colossians 3.1-4 "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Meditate/contemplate Scripture as you praise the Lord

- *Monday*—Psalm 97.11,12 "Light shines[a] on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name."
- *Tuesday, Merry Christmas*—Psalm 100.1,2, 5 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."
- *Wednesday*— Psalm 98.4-6 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King."
- *Thursday*—Psalm 118.15,16 "Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!""
- *Friday*—Psalm 145.3,4, 7 "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness."

Offer your prayers in the throne room of grace.

- *Confession & Renewal*—Ephesians 2:13 “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
- *To grow in grace*—1 Corinthians 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.”
- *Requests & Intercessions*—Ephesians 6:18 “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

A gathering thought as we express our gratitude.

“Grant us, even us, O Lord, to know you, and love you and rejoice in you. And if we cannot do these perfectly in this life, let us, at least, advance to higher degrees every day, till we can come to do them in perfection. Let the knowledge of you increase in us here, that it may be full hereafter. Let the love of you grow every day more and more here, that it may be perfect hereafter; that our joy may be great in itself and full in you. We know, O God, that you are a God of truth. O make good your gracious promises to us, that our joy may be full. To your honor and glory, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, world without end. Amen.

— Augustine (4th Century)