

Introduction

Prayer is meant to be a dynamic exchange between the majestic Creator and His creation. No doubt you've experienced those moments of divine connection at different seasons in your life, and yet, you still at times fall into a repetitious routine. You would like to have a stronger prayer life but aren't sure how to get there.

This practical and inspirational book will open up new ways into prayer with ninety-plus "5-Minute" plans for your daily quiet time. You'll explore prayer plans focused on varied aspects of life such as encouragement, forgiveness, mercy, hope, peace, wisdom, witnessing to others, worry, thankfulness, protection, work, and relationships. A handy subject index in the back of the book will help you find these topics quickly.

Each entry includes:

- Minute 1: A scripture to meditate on
- Minute 2-3: Specific prayer points and questions to consider as you enter a time of prayer
- Minute 4-5: A jump-starter prayer to springboard you into a time of conversation with God

The prayers in this book have been written with you in mind, each word penned in prayer, asking the Lord to give insight into the needs of those who will pick this book up and begin a new or renewed journey with Him. Deep, heartfelt prayer happens in those quiet moments when you stand transparently before the One with arms wide open to embrace you in unconditional love.

By His Spirit



But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. . . . But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-12, 14 KJV

- We cannot comprehend through our natural minds all that God has for us, but He will reveal those things to us by His Spirit. What are some of the ways you hear the Spirit speaking in your life?
- Our eyes can't see, our ears can't hear, and our heart can't even imagine those things God has prepared for those who love Him. God gives freely of His Spirit. As you pray, ask Him to reveal Himself to you in a way that deepens your walk with Him.

- We have not received the spirit of the world, but those voices sometimes interfere in our lives. We sometimes carry them around with us. How can you keep these voices from interrupting your communication with God?
- How can you allow God's Spirit to become more prominent in your life?

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Father, I want to know more about You. Help me to hear Your Spirit when You speak and to accept Your leading. Make me sensitive to Your voice. Give me a desire to know Your plans for me instead of always following my own agenda. Remove those hindrances to Your voice so I can hear clearly what You want me to know. Help me not to rely on human resources, but to seek those things known only through Your Spirit, the deep things the Spirit has searched out, those things I can't see or hear or know without Your help. Help me to fully understand in my heart the things of the Spirit.

Confessing Christ to Others



Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. . . . He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. . . . And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man.

MATTHEW 10:32-33, 39-40; 26:73-74 KJV

- In the past, there may have been times when you found it difficult to confess Christ to others. If so, how can you overcome this difficulty in speaking to people?
- What are some ways you can confess Christ to those around you?
- When Jesus was tried before Caiaphas, the high priest, Peter said, “I do not know the man.” Later, he wept bitterly because of his denial. Maybe there have been times when fear paralyzed you and kept you silent. How

did you feel afterward? What did you do to restore your strength as a witness?

- Peter was forgiven by Christ for his denial. He didn't allow his past failures to keep him from finding his life in Christ. How can you forget the past and move forward in your faith?
- Ask God to direct you to those who need to hear His message.

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Jesus, sometimes I'm afraid of what others may think of me and my faith. It's not popular to take a stand as a Christian right now. I fool myself into thinking I'm just being wise in not saying anything. Fear keeps me silent when I need to take a stand for You. Later, shame overwhelms me, and I feel so unworthy of Your love. At those times, I feel like a failure. I need Your help to become a stronger witness for You. Help me to surrender my fear to You so I can become what You would have me to be. I want to stand before the Father knowing You will confess me before Him as one of Yours.