

CLOSER

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

JAN. 16 - FEB. 6, 2022

Each day, as you read the passage and reflection, take some time to discuss as a family. With each day, seek to discover together what the passage tells us about who God is. Close in prayer together.

Be encouraged! While it may seem challenging or “over their head,” the practice of reading God’s Word and praying together never turns up void in the heart of a child.

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WEEK 1

Day 1

What does it mean to be “righteous”? (Love God, live following Jesus’ teachings and example). How can you know God’s righteousness and show it today? (Read God’s Word and do what it says)

Day 2

Bad things go on in our world, but we are to trust in God (v 12c). How can we help leaders in our city, state, and world? (Pray for them)

Day 3

We all have hard times, bad days when things don’t go well. What does David tell us to do here when things are hard? (Pray, trust, and remember God’s promises, that He cares for us and is always with us)

Day 4

These verses talk about joy and peace, even when things are tough and we get angry. David says it comes through praying and trusting we belong to God and He is in control. What is something you need to trust God about and not be angry or worry? Pray about it now.

Day 5

David tells us to talk to God in the morning, to ask for His help for our day, to be with us and help us make right choices and decisions. How can you plan to pray every morning for God to be with you and help you know that He is and that He’s leading you?

Day 6

Sometimes things are still hard, even after we pray, but these verses tell us God hears and cares even when we don’t see things changing. What is something you have prayed for and haven’t seen an answer? What do you need to do?

Day 7

Sometimes others are not kind to us, but we can trust God even in these times. God always does what is right (V 17). If someone is unkind to you, how can you respond in a way that will honor God and show you trust Him?

WEEK 2

Day 8

These verses tell us of God’s greatness and how He loves and values every person He has created. How can you show God’s love to others, even to people who are different from you or who may not show love in return?

Day 9

Knowing God is totally good and is our protector, we can worship and trust Him at all times, even when bad things happen. What are some ways you can worship God and show Him that you trust Him completely?

Day 10

Here David describes times when evil, bad people seem to be in control and doing well, and then he remembers God is really the one in control. His promises are true. He will make things right. What can you do to help you remember God is with you and taking care of you, even when things are hard and not going the way you think they should?

Day 11

These verses remind us that God always sees and protects us and provides us strength as we follow Him. Tell about a time when you felt God giving you strength. Pray and ask Him for strength for whatever happens today.

Day 12

What we say and how we talk are very important. Through our words, we can help or hurt others, be kind or mean, tell the truth or lie. We can use our words to tell someone about Jesus. How do your words measure up to God’s “pure words” (v 6)? Are you kind, helpful, respectful? Does the way you talk honor Him?

Day 13

Waiting for God to answer prayers can be hard and discouraging. What can you do to focus on God and trust Him when you are waiting for an answer?

Day 14

Because God sent Jesus to die and be raised back to life, we can choose to live for Him, with real JOY, no matter what goes on in our world. We are to share His love with others. Who is someone you can share Jesus with today? How will you do that?

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WEEK 3

Day 15

Because God loves and takes care of us, we want to do what is right to honor Him. The Holy Spirit helps us be kind and respectful, keep our promises, tell the truth, and treat people like Jesus would, even when it's hard.

Share about a time when you struggled to do what is right. What can you do to trust God with that and let Him guide you?

Day 16

These verses encourage us to keep our focus on God no matter what others are doing or saying. God's guidance and instructions for living will protect us and give us joy in our hearts.

Talk about a time when someone tried to get you to do something you knew was not right. What did you do? How can you know what choices God wants you to make?

Day 17

Today's Psalm continues to talk about hard times and struggles and how God is always with us and taking care of us because He loves us. The key is knowing Jesus as our Savior.

Talk about how we become a Christian, a follower of Jesus. Share your salvation experience, acknowledging that God lets us know when it is time to make this decision.

Day 18

These verses remind us that God gives us strength to do what He asks and keeps us safe. We need to remember to talk to Him at all times, good and bad. Thank Him for His goodness and ask for His help when we need it.

Share something in your life that you need God's help with. Pray as a family for God to help each one to depend on Him and do what God leads. Thank and praise Him for His help and guiding.

Day 19

Verses 7-11 are about God's word. Read and talk about how God's Word is described.

How can we know His word? (reading Bible, memorizing verses, listening to teaching, etc)

Talk about a plan to keep reading and studying God's word everyday after this plan is over.

Day 20

When the people were facing a battle, David prays to ask God to answer and help, and then declares his trust that God will do so.

When you face a hard time, do you try to work it out on your own or do you pray, asking God to help?

What can you do to remind yourself to pray in hard times?

Day 21

The people praised God for His answering their prayers. As we follow and live for Jesus, we can celebrate answered prayers and God's goodness to us. Our relationship with Jesus guarantees us that God is in control, even in hard times, and we will be with Him forever.

Share an answered prayer and praise God for it. Keep praying for God to work and for us to believe and trust Him more and more!

COME CLOSE TO GOD
AND GOD WILL COME
CLOSE TO YOU.

JAMES 4:8



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