

Opening Quiet Time Scriptures for Prayer

Starting our time with God in prayer makes the biggest difference in our quiet time. Prayer draws us closer to Him by opening the door to His Presence, His guidance and refreshment that can come only from Him. Use some or all of these verses to open your quiet time!

WORSHIP

Psalm 84:10, "Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere."

Psalm 8:3-4, "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have set in place, who am I that You are mindful of me?"

Psalm 91:1-2, "You are my refuge, fortress, my God in whom I trust." Your Word says, "She who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

Psalm 62:1, "My soul finds rest in You alone."

Isaiah 50:4-5, "You have wakened me to listen as one being taught. Open my ears. Help me not to be rebellious."

CONFESSION

Psalm 139:23-24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 19:12-13, Reveal "my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me."

Psalm 119:18-19, "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law."

Psalm 27:4, "One thing I ask of You, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in Your house... to gaze upon Your beauty and to seek You in Your temple."

GUIDANCE

Psalm 32:8, "Instruct me and teach me... Counsel me."

Psalm 143:9-10, "Show me the way I should go. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

Colossians 1:9, "Give me complete understanding of Your will through spiritual wisdom and understanding."

Exodus 15:16, "Help me to listen carefully to the voice of the Lord my God and do what is right in His eyes."

Ephesians 5:10, 17, Help me to understand what pleases You and what Your will is."



Everyday Scriptures to Integrate Into Your Prayer Time

Bible reading easily transitions into prayer. Following my praise, thanksgiving and time of confession, I enjoy the fruit of remembering to pray some of these scriptures for myself or others. Enjoy!

PROTECTION FROM SIN

Matthew 6:13, "Lead me not into temptation... Deliver me from evil."

Psalms 119:133, "Let no sin rule over me."

Psalms 141:3, "Set a guard over my mouth... keep watch over the door of my lips."

MY WITNESS

Colossians 4:5, Give me a heart for the gospel and for opportunities to share Jesus simply, clearly and winsomely.

Ephesians 5:19, "May words would be given to me so I may fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel."

Matthew 5:14, 16, Help my message and my witness to be relevant, inviting, winsome and enticing – that others would want to know Jesus because of what they see in me.

EVERYDAY LIVING

Galatians 5:25, "Help me to keep in step with the Spirit."

1 Peter 1:15, "Help me to be holy in all my conduct."

Ephesians 6:10, 13-17, Help me "to be strong in You and in Your mighty power... I put on the full armor of God... so that I may stand my ground in the day of evil..."

- with the belt of truth buckled around my waist;
- with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and
- with my feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
- I take up the shield of faith, which can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- I take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God...

Ephesians 4:1, "Help me to live a life worthy of the calling I've received."

Colossians 4:12, Help me "to stand firm in the will of God, mature and fully assured."

