



PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURE

*Scriptural Readings:
James 1:2-4*

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The Holy Scriptures constitute the Word of God and form the foundation of the Christian life. 'To be ignorant of the scriptures is not to know Christ', said St. Jerome. The scriptures help us to pray according to the mind of God. When we read, pray and meditate on the Word of God, we grow in the life of grace.

Some ways we can pray with the scriptures include: (a) directly praying the psalms and other prayers recorded in the bible, (b) drawing inspirations from the faith response of biblical characters and praying through their experiences, (c) meditating on a particular passage of the bible and letting the Holy Spirit lead us in prayers and (d) declaring God's word of blessings in our situation. Declarations that are based on the scriptures give power to our prayers. By His Word, God brought forth creation and by it, we overcome the powers of darkness. Praying with the scriptures increases our knowledge and builds up our relationship with the Holy Spirit.



MEDITATION

Do you believe that the Word of God is powerful?



STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for deeper appreciation of the scriptures
2. Pray from the book of Psalms
3. Declare the Word of God over your challenges
4. Pay now against the spread of corona virus pandemic
5. Say the prayers to St. Michael and St. Jude in pages 101 and 103
6. Present your private intentions to God
7. Say your daily prophetic prayers (page 6).

DAILY PROPHETIC PRAYERS

1. Lord God of Power and Might you are worthy of my praise and adoration from generation to generation. We thank and praise your Holy name for what you have done, what you are doing and for what you are about to do.
2. Oh Lord, as you delivered Israel from captivity so you will surely deliver me.
3. As you delivered Daniel from the den of lions you will surely deliver me.
4. As you delivered Paul and Silas, I know you will surely break the prison bars and set me free.
5. Do not let the power of darkness reign over me.
6. Do not abandon me to the power of the grave
7. Do not let people ask me; "where is your God?"
8. Oh Lord Jesus, touch me one more time and heal, save and set me free.
9. Breath life upon me that I may live, become fruitful and prosper in all ramifications.
10. I will serve you in truth and Spirit all the days of my life, and nations shall praise you for your goodness in my life.

In the most powerful name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AGAINST THE FORCES BEHIND COVID - 19.

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

WE PRAY WITH ST JUDE THE PATRON OF DIFFICULT CASES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS

O most holy apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honoureth and invoceth thee universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, and of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, who am so miserable. Make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of. Come to mine assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly... (insert your prayer request here, especially the menace of COVID - 19 Pandemic) ...and that I may praise God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.

Amen.

