

PRAYER | WEEK 2

For the second week in this challenge, organize your resources for prayer. Prayer is an active process and requires constant upkeep and care. Just as you do not talk to a high school senior the same as you would talk to a kindergartener, you will see the conversational part of your love relationship with Jesus as a growing and changing progression. Write down three possible resources you have at your disposal to pray.

Resource 1: _____

Resource 2: _____

Resource 3: _____

Here are some more to add to your list

Time, the Bible, reading, news reports, praying with others, Fresh Encounter, and of course, as every kindergartener knows, the answer is usually *Jesus!*

Prayer covers everything in our world, physical and spiritual. When you see, hear, or read the news, each new event is a new opportunity to pray. Go ahead and overthink prayer. Think about it all the time, and converse with Jesus as though He is right there with you, because He is.

Tip | Look for ways of praying that work in your world today

Do you spend time commuting? Use your radio. Either turn it off and talk to God, or turn it on and pray through each news item for the glory of God. That could be more difficult if you tune to ESPN radio, so choose wisely.

Do you spend time changing diapers? Pray that this dear dependent child would come to depend on the Savior very early in her/his life.

Mowing the grass? Washing the dishes? Cleaning the gutters? Each of these real-life situations are platforms for prayer if we will only be sensitive to each opportunity.

Do | Using a post-it pad, leave notes in strategic areas of your world with the one word reminder: PRAY. Leave a note on your mirror to see as you brush your teeth, comb your hair, and shave. Leave a note in your car. As you drive, pray. Leave a note on your computer monitor and/or television set. As you view, pray. Leave a note near the kitchen sink, on your workbench in your shop, on your garden tool bag. Wherever you spend significant time leave a note and let it remind you to pray.

Tip | Reflect upon prayer

This week, change your prayer journal entries to include your impressions and experiences of praying in your world each day. This will help cement the practice of prayer into your every minute experiences each day. What worked? What did not work? What times were the most successful? What times were the least successful? Do this every day for one week.