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Scripture Passages on Prayer

- Genesis 18:16-33
- Psalm 55:16-19
- Psalm 145:18-19
- Isaiah 59:2
- Jeremiah 29:12
- Matthew 6:5-14
- Mark 11:24
- Luke 22:41-44
- John 15:7
- John 17:1-26
- Romans 8:26
- 1 Corinthians 14:15
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Prayer Ideas

- Write in a prayer journal
- Create prayer cards for people and things you want to pray for and shuffle them before praying
- Take a prayer walk and pray for what you observe
- Read the prayers of others or books on prayer
- Read the encouragement and prayers in the scripture or add scripture to your prayer time
- Pray for those who do not yet have a strong faith or people you want to encourage in faith
- Pray for the whole variety of people who are part of your life
- As you read the newspaper, pray about the articles
- Find a private place to pray without distractions
- Pray for a staff member or leader of your church each day
- Place an item in a glass jar to celebrate and remember answered prayers
- Use the ACTS model of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication
- Use the Lord's Prayer or parts of it on different days
- Use the PRAY model of Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield
- Join or gather a prayer group
- Pray out loud to God in a conversational form
- Pray when you see or hear an ambulance
- Add music to your prayers by listening or singing
- Try centering prayer in which you stay with a word or short phrase, perhaps from scripture
- Use your morning routine (teeth, shaving, showering, dressing, etc.) as a time to prayer
- Use regular activities (lawn mowing, cooking, dishes, etc.) as times to pray
- Use your hand to pray, the thumb reminding you to pray for those closest to you, the index finger for those that point you in the right direction, the tallest finger for those that lead you, the ring finger (the weakest) for those that are powerless and the pinkie (the smallest) to pray for yourself
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