

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of March 30, 2025**  
**"Our Father"**

**HEAVENLY FATHER**

**Sunday.....Read Matthew 6:5-13**

*" Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."* Almighty God, the Creator of the universe and all that is therein, considers every one who receives His Son as Savior as His children. The decision to receive Jesus into your heart and life puts an individual in the family of God. That gives a person the right to approach God in prayer. The prayer of those who have never received Jesus personally is in vain. That is very sad because it is common for us to hear others, in private conversation and on television say, "You're in my prayers." Sadly those prayers of people who have never entered into a relationship with Jesus fall on deaf ears. Actually according to Proverbs 28:9, they are an abomination: *"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."* Listening to God by reading and applying the truth of His Word to our lives is required for Him to respond to our prayers!

**REPENTANCE**

**Monday.....Read Acts 3:15-20**

*"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."* For a person to enjoy the presence of God in his or her life, that individual must repent of their sins. Our God is perfect, totally free of sin and wrong doing! The only way to be prepared to approach God is to be free from sin. Before calling on God with petitions, we should confess any sins of omission or commission. God is holy, and should be approached with that in mind. It is one way to honor God, who has provided a way for sins to be forgiven! That is what Jesus mentioned in I John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Praise God that He forgives us of all sin if we confess those sins of which we are aware. God knows whether or not an individual has a truly repentant heart. He is a loving heavenly Father!

**JOY**

**Tuesday .....Read Luke 10:19-24**

*"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."* The one thing that brings more joy than anything is knowing your name is written in heaven as a member of God's family. Getting a house or a job that you always wanted brings joy. A victory in a crucial game and winning a championship brings joy to the athlete. Winning an election brings joy to a political candidate. But all of these pale in comparison to having your

name in heaven assuring you of eternal life! Joy is one of the first things mentioned as a "fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5:22: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith."* The greatest joy in life is being in God's family of believers.

### **GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**Wednesday.....Read Isaiah 55:5-8**

*"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."* Wayward people have hope, but it must be on God's terms. God is holy, perfect in every way, He is a God of love. That love compelled God to pave a way for sinners to approach Him: one way! His Son Jesus is the way. The reason Jesus is the Way is because He was willing to become a human being of flesh and blood to offer Himself as a sacrifice. By His dying on the cross as a sinless human, our loving God had a way to forgive sinners without compromising His holiness. The repentant sinner who receives Jesus as Savior has this assurance in Hebrews 10:17: *"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."* Confessed sin is forever blotted out!

### **GOD'S EARTH**

**Thursday.....Read Psalm 24:1-5**

*"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."* God created man and gave humans the responsibility of managing His earth. God has provided man with His instructions in the Bible. Our Creator made a man with the intelligence to assume that responsibility. God's law, as recorded in the Scriptures, give men the way to do it. However, God's enemy Satan, has tempted man to go against God's law. The earth is engaged in spiritual war. That is evidenced by Satan's convincing many of a theory of evolution. Accepting such a thought is the epitome of ignorance! Genesis 1 explains the earth's origin. The only way to be free from this deception is to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus. That occurs when an individual confesses sin and receives Jesus!

### **GOD'S PROTECTION**

**Friday ..... Read Isaiah 41:8-10**

*"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."*

Christians, those who have become followers of Jesus, have the benefit of God's protection. God never said the Christian life would be an easy road; the opposite is

true. Satan is a formidable enemy and will attack Christians. We read this in I Peter 5:8: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* God did promise protection and victory in troubling times!

### **GOD'S DELIVERANCE**

**Saturday ..... Read II Timothy 4:15-20**

*"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever."* Our omnipotent God assures His people that He will intervene on their behalf as He chooses. The Egyptian pharaohs found out that going against God was a losing proposition. Throughout history those that tried to block the spread of the gospel found out that the power of the Holy Spirit prevailed. In the end, God will finally assign Satan, His enemy, to the lake of fire forever. Those who teamed up with Satan in opposition to God will join him in the eternal lake of fire. Jesus will eventually return to earth for His thousand-year reign. That will be followed by God's creation of a new heaven and new earth.