

God loves us and He says, “Pray about everything.” So we do. We pray about health, provision, protection, work, school, relationships, and even the weather. And God answers. He is good. But we can pray about more than things we can see. God’s Word shows us how to pray about matters of the heart so we can have the abundant life Jesus came to give.

Use Scripture to guide your prayers. Here’s how:

Read a prayer from the Bible . . .

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe (Ephesians 1:17-19).

Make it your own prayer . . .

God, you are my Father. I want to know you better. I need spiritual wisdom and insight to see who you really are. Open the eyes of my heart so I understand the hope of your salvation, the rich inheritance you have for me, and the incredible greatness of your power. I believe in you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Let it guide your prayers for others . . .

God, you are _____’s Father. Fill her with a longing to know you better and give her spiritual wisdom and insight so she can. Flood her heart with light so she can understand the hope you give. Open her eyes to see the rich inheritance she has because she’s your child. Show her the incredible greatness of your power because she believes in You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

After you pray, do what you can . . .

For example, did you tell God you want to know Him better? Do what you can to know who He is. Read the gospels. Since Jesus is the exact representation of God, pay special attention to what He says and does. Or, if you pray to see more of God’s power, begin praying boldly about things that are humanly impossible. Then watch what he does.