

HOW TO PRAY IN THIS MONTH

Let's deepen our relationship with God using the following 4 ways of praying and by trying the 📌 Daily Ideas. Prayer is a two-way conversation involving listening and speaking, being loved and loving.

Talking To God 🗣️ Using the pre-written words of prayers, psalms, scriptures and songs to talk to God.

📌 **DAILY IDEA:** Pray Matthew 6:9-13, Psalm 23, Psalm 139, the words of 'I Exalt Thee' or something else.

Talking With God 💬 Using our own words for gratitude, lament and to ask of God in petition and intercession.

📌 **DAILY IDEA:** Give thanks for 3 things each evening. Pray for breakthrough for the same person each morning.

Listening To God 👂 Attuning our ears to hear God (to listen and obey) as we quietly wait in His presence.

📌 **DAILY IDEA:** Focus on a short bible passage, read it slowly, ask the Holy Spirit to speak and listen as He does.

Being With God 🌿 Contemplative, wordless prayer that is about receiving His love and offering ours in return.

📌 **DAILY IDEA:** Spend a few quiet, still minutes focussed on God. Simply be with Him and let Him love you.

WHAT TO PRAY THIS MONTH...

Incorporating aspects of talking to God, talking with God, listening to God and being with God, let's bring a daily focus to our prayer in May. The below headings and phrases can be used as a framework to guide our prayer this month.

🙏 **MON 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th: Devoted Disciples.** *Passionately and purposefully following Jesus.*

- Growing desire for daily time set aside for prayer and the word.
- Knowing and walking in line with God's plan and purpose by the power of The Holy Spirit.

🙏 **TUES 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th: New Birth.** *Equipped to Show and Tell the Good News.*

- Divine appointments leading to significant conversations with friends, family, neighbours & colleagues.
- Seed sown, love shown & salvation known at Mumstop(s), Familystop and Dadstop, Community Cafe, Rachel's Table, Hygiene Bank, Food Bank & Super Saturday (Sat 18th).

🙏 **WEDS 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th: Kingdom Culture.** *Generous, servant hearted, transformed not conformed.*

- Equipped by our Q&A events (22nd-23rd) to impact our society with a kingdom culture of truth and grace, love and power.
- Asking for God's Kingdom to come into the world where we don't physically reach - especially where there is war, conflict, oppression and hardship.

🙏 **THUR 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th: Family & Fellowship.** *A growing family investing in relationship together.*

- Unity, diversity, health, generosity, service, togetherness and LIFE to be in all we do and say.
- Those serving as Deacons in the church family to be equipped, envisioned and encouraged, especially when the Elders and Deacons meet on Monday 20th.

🙏 **FR 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st: Supernatural Power.** *In many different settings in many different ways.*

- The Holy Spirit at work in us and through us with healing, miracles, faith, prophecy, words of knowledge and wisdom, discernment, tongues and interpretation of tongues.
- The Holy Spirit on display as we grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

🙏 **SAT 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th: Sunday's Coming.** *We are a royal priesthood, ready and expectant.*

- Getting ready for what God will do among us tomorrow. Consecrated, called out and coming together.

🙏 **SUN 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th: Thanksgiving.** *God is good.*

- Praise and thanks for God's goodness, faithfulness and loving kindness that never fails.

🙏 **FIRST WEDNESDAY FOCUS: MOMENTUM STRONG & COURAGEOUS** 🙏

As we pray and fast on Wednesday 1st May, let's make time during the day to pray into our Momentum weekend. Let's pray that, as all LRC congregations come together, we meet God in a significant way and hear His direction and encouragement to us. Let's pray that it's a weekend of great strength and courage for the days ahead.