

## **Verse of the Month**

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24, ESV)*

## **Reflection Questions**

1. Are you a disciple of Jesus?
2. What makes you a follower of Jesus?

## **Review from Last Week**

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105, ESV)*

**S** - Scripture

**O** - Observation

**A** - Application

**P** - Prayer

<= Bible Journal Method

## **When Should We Pray?**

*“pray without ceasing,” (1 Thessalonians 5:17, ESV)*

*“yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” (Luke 18:5, ESV)*

*“And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?” (Luke 18:7, ESV)*

## **Who/What Should We Respond to in Prayer?**

What is Moralistic, Therapeutic, Deism?

How prayer often works:

\_\_\_\_\_ happens => I pray => \_\_\_\_\_ to God

How prayer should work:

\_\_\_\_\_ to God => I pray => \_\_\_\_\_ happens

## The Purpose of Prayer

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”*

*(Ephesians 3:14–19, ESV)*

*“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”*

*(James 5:14, ESV)*

Prayer is not about getting \_\_\_\_\_ God but \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ God himself.

Why should I write my prayers?

## Prayer of Confession

Lord, we humbly come before you today and ask for your forgiveness. There are many days where we lack an ongoing awareness of your presence. We go about our business with hardly a thought towards you. We pray only when circumstances cause us to turn to you. Forgive our indifference. Give us a desire to know you in a greater way and to delight in your presence. Amen.