

Prayer–In Conversation with God
Grow Up: Your Path to Spiritual Maturity

The Word of God

The Gift of Prayer (Deuteronomy 4:7)

The Challenge of Prayer

Prayer as conversation (Isaiah 55:8-11)

Reading the Bible for life transformation

It must be read slowly and thoughtfully

It must be read under the illumination of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:12-14)

Meditate on each verse or the passage (Joshua 1:8)

Talk to God about what he is saying to you and your concerns

Respond in obedience to God

An example from Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Dialoguing with God through the Bible

1. Find a quiet place and a good time to encounter God
2. Prepare your heart to hear from God
3. Ask him to give you understanding
4. Read a verse or more slowly and pause over it
5. Think about what this verse(s) mean to you or to someone else you are aware of
6. If you don't understand something, move on
7. Pray that situation or issue back to God
8. If there is something that God is moving you to, respond in obedience

Examples

Here are some passages from different parts of Scripture that will provide opportunity to practice this week

Monday	Matthew 6:5-15
Tuesday	Psalms 145
Wednesday	Revelation 21:1-8
Thursday	Colossians 3:12-17
Friday	Mark 4:35-41
Saturday	Psalms 4
Sunday	Proverbs 3:1-12