



A Year of Personal Prayer Focus

PRAYING THE BIBLE

JUNE

INTRODUCTION:

During this month we will be praying Scripture prayers. The Prophet Hosea said, "Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him..." (Hosea 14:2). Many people desire to pray, or to pray better. There is no better way than to take the words of scriptural prayers and pray them from our heart to God.

FIRST FOCUS:

- Begin your prayer time with "the blessed man" from Psalm 1. Open your Bible and pray this Psalm as a prayer.
- Note that the blessed man meditates in the law of the Lord day and night. This is oft repeated instruction in the Bible.
- A meditation prayer of God's Word should never be far from our heart, mind and lips. This practice insures blessing.

SECOND FOCUS:

- Many people suffer from low self-esteem. This problem does not come from God. Consider what His Word has to say about us, His children.
- Pray Psalm 139 and realize how special you are to God.
- (*I love the 17th verse, "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"*)

THIRD FOCUS:

- Repentance is an on-going spiritual exercise. We never outgrow the need for mercy.
- Pray the words and content of Psalm 51 and pay attention to the level of emotion during and after your prayer.
- Don't be surprised if this Psalm evokes strong feelings on a very personal level. "Have mercy upon me...wash me...cleanse me...purge me...make me...deliver me..."

FOURTH FOCUS:

- Have you ever taken for granted the blessing of going to the house of the Lord? Lately?
- Psalm 84 calls those blessed who make His house a dwelling place.
- How is God's house your dwelling place? Thank Him for this privilege.

