

Spending Time with God

Harris Chapel Church of the Nazarene Selma, IN
Package & Prayer Ministry



Every day Jerry and I read the Bible together. Then discuss what we have read and if we don't understand something, we look it up on the Internet, commentaries, etc. It's important to have a good study Bible. When you have somebody to read it with, you can bounce ideas from one another. Being consistent is important... have a daily Bible schedule so you can read the entire Bible each year. Keep the hotline open... pray without ceasing.—Jerry and Jody Thomas

I listen to K-love while I am in the car. I consider this a chance to praise and worship God and a chance to pray. I also choose to go to church on Sunday, going to church helps me connect with God and connect with others that want the same thing- a relationship with God and to know him better. I suggest no phones or technology- during service – too much of a distraction- paper Bible works!—Amber Penrod

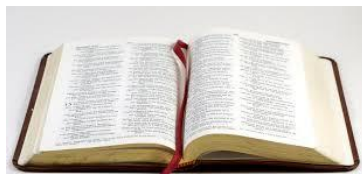
Philippians 4: 6-8 ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

It is the idea of being in God's presence all day long. I want to say the things God wants me to. And I want to do the things God wants me to do. So I can honestly say about my pattern, "I have come to a condition where it would be difficult for me not to think of God."—Jim Ballenger

I try and read the Bible every morning before I go to work. It puts my heart at ease. As the day goes by and I get some time, I have a computer at my desk, so I get on the Harris Chapel website and read the Bible online. My wife and I try to read together as much as possible. It is helping me to get closer to the Lord! I also am learning more about the things the Lord can and will help me with living life and getting closer to him...Ken Sparks

"Good Morning Jesus" are my first words. I teach it to my great-grandchildren. I talk to Jesus all day, just like I do everyone else I talk to. He is my best friend; he gives the best advice on everything. -Mary Hensley

Richard & I pray about every morning together before we leave the house. We've done this since we've been married. I can't think of a better way to start our day than in prayer. Then it seems like throughout the day we both continue in prayer for different situations. I also have a daily devotional book that I study either at home or work. -Jill Harris



My advice would be to start the day praying for someone else. When I focus on someone who really needs Jesus that day then it makes me get my world into perspective. Also—never say AMEN then the door remains wide open! -Anonymous

My lifestyle is hectic so the best time for me to devote time for devotions is before each meal. So I pray, I ask the Holy Spirit to keep me focused on Him...to follow his commandments every day! Most of my Bible reading takes place in the evening. I try to set aside thirty minute time commitments so that I can read and then study what I have read!—Anonymous

Before I begin my daily prayer, I ask the Holy Spirit to open my mind and my heart that I might "hear and understand" what GOD may be "telling" me that day through his word. I want to experience more each day – more understanding, more joy because of attempting to live my life as He did, move freedom from distractions of this world – more time for my family, friends and people!— Anonymous

Life is... quality time we spend with the Lord

I do my devotions first thing or I don't get it done. I have a couple of apps on my phone which helps. That way I don't lose track when I am away from home.

1. YouVersion Bible app. It gives me a daily scripture and allows me to download devotionals from many different authors. Right now I am using one from Billy Graham and from Oswald Chambers. I also have an app called iLifeBack – It is Oswald Chambers "My utmost for his highest." it never fails to hit me.

2. I then write my prayers in a regular old spiral notebook. I like writing my prayers. That way I don't let my mind wander and I can look back on how God has answered my prayers. It takes me about an hour or that's usually what I do a lot. It goes so quickly! – Jane Ballenger

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:1

When I wake up and I am drinking my tea, I like to do my studying in our living room where it is sunny and has a cozy feeling. Usually I read first and then pray but depending on what is going on I might pray first and ask for God's guidance. I then thank God before going to bed for being there with me that day. –Gay Sparks



I particularly like Jeremiah 10-13: God has the plans, he knows the future, he provides a hope for us-when we pray- God listens! If we seek him/we will find him! – Anonymous

Pray & read the Bible first thing in the morning. "Reflecting God" read-pray-read-pray. I use a prayer list. I use Olivet list scripture. Stick to whatever routine works for you.— Anonymous

As an early riser, I sit in our living room (most of the time in the dark) and reflect on the day ahead of me. I recite the Lord's Prayer, and thank God for all his blessings. I ask God to stay with me as I try to anticipate my day. I am thankful for his support. -- Anonymous

I pray each morning and ask God what we are going to do that day. I listen for the Holy Spirit to lead me (heart feeling) to call someone or do other things and pray for a specific individual. At bedtime I read devotionals and other inspiring literature before praying and going to sleep. This gets my mind on spiritual life instead of daily happenings and situations. –Eva

My prayer time is FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. I enjoy my first cup of coffee while reading a devotional and refer to the Bible regarding the devotional focus. This is followed by prayer based on a format I learned when I first became a Christian from Pastor Marianne Chalstrom. I first Praise God, thanking him for my many blessings and where I see them in my life. I then Repent for any transgressions than Ask in prayer for others and finally I ask in prayer for Yourself (myself). Finally I spend time in meditation, just quietly listening for his answers.—Carla Wheeldon



I think it is important for us to spend time each day praying and in the Bible. Find a time when you are at your best because really that is what the Lord deserves is our best. Some days I use a devotional book or an app. I also try to read directly from the Bible. I am praying throughout the day, at school during that moment of silence and more at night. I try to spend more time on Saturdays studying and reading my Sunday school lesson, maybe I have glanced at it earlier in the week, but on Saturdays I really need to know it. My goal is to serve God and you really have to have an ongoing relationship to do that.— Chris Reynolds