

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | 8 • PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

SMALL GROUP STUDY | EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WEEK 8: Exploring the Bible | Praying the Scriptures

- *Have someone lead in prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and guide the conversation to help us grow closer to God.*

Play teaching video for Week 8.

- [Vimeo](#)
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Discussion Questions

- Is there a favorite verse or section of scripture that you refer to in prayer?
- Diana spoke of the Lord's Prayer, pointing out that though we may repeat the Lord's Prayer word for word, Jesus was providing a framework of what to include in one's daily prayers. This appears in the Bible as part of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter 6.
 - Read Matthew 6:9-13 in the [NIV](#), and also take a look in the [J.B Phillips New Testament](#) which is a good paraphrase that includes a few more of the surrounding verses.
 - What do you see are the topics Jesus spoke of here? (Note [verses 14 and 15](#) as an addendum.) Make a list together.
 - Then pray the Lord's Prayer together as a group. It's handy to memorize this prayer, making it easy to pause to reflect or elaborate with each section in your personal prayer time.

Going Deeper | Put into Practice

- Read [Ephesians 3:14-21](#). These are wonderful, deep things to include in your prayers for each other and for yourself.
 - More examples look up: [2 Thessalonians 2:16-17](#); [Colossians 1:9-12](#); [Colossians 4:3-4](#); [1 Timothy 2:1-4](#)
 - As you read the scriptures, you will see things you want to hold close in prayer. You might want to include those in a prayer journal.

- This week send someone a note with scripture and share how you are praying for them.
- Encourage someone with a verse of scripture this week.