

PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 2: Persistent Prayer

For many, being patient is difficult. We do not want to wait on much in our busy lives. Yet God often has a lot to say to us when we are quiet and still before Him. There are many things we can learn when we step into the habit of persistent prayer. Our heart grows for the things we have been led to pray about. We trust in God's faithfulness to provide, but we sometimes learn that instead of God changing our circumstances, He may choose to change us amid difficulty. As you teach your child what it looks like to pray with persistence, continue to remind them that what they are learning is not just will power by themselves, but a faith that is learning to trust a good God.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! I say, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him" (Lam. 3:22-24).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Because of your faithful love, Lord, my family will not perish. Your mercies never end. Your mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! You, Lord, are my portion; therefore, I will put my hope in You.

DRIVE TIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING: Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:1-2).

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Hebrews 12, and it encourages believers to lay aside hindrances and sin to run our race with our eyes on Jesus. Our world might encourage everyone to run their own race. How is it different for us by keeping our eyes on Jesus? How can prayer help us keep our eyes on Jesus?

DINNER TIME

CONVERSATION

STARTING QUESTIONS

Has there ever been a time in your life when you have prayed for the same thing over and over? What was it? What was the outcome?

READ THIS TOGETHER Now he told them a parable on the need for them to pray always and not give up. “There was a judge in a certain town who didn’t fear God or respect people. And a widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he was unwilling, but later he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or respect people, yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice, so that she doesn’t wear me out by her persistent coming.’” Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God grant justice to his elect who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay helping them? I tell you that he will swiftly grant them justice. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (Luke 18:1-8)

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

From our quick reading, what is the underlying truth we can learn from this passage?

Do you find it difficult to keep praying about something over an extended period of time? What gets in your way? Forgetfulness? Not seeing results?

What do you believe God wants to teach us about consistency in prayer?

ACTIVITY TIME

Start a prayer journal as a family. In a notebook, write down things that you or your family are praying for together. This will give you items to pray for every day until these prayers are answered. You will see overtime God’s faithfulness in a few diverse ways: 1) you will see prayers answered the way you prayed for them, or 2) you will see your prayers change as God shows you what His will is that you would pray for. Finally, you will see things that you continue to pray for over an extended period of time. Through this process, we build and grow trust.