

JANUARY Prayer Journal





How to use this Journal

Prayer support is a central component of Raising Boys Ministries as we seek to equip and encourage parents to raise Godly men. As a companion to the Monthly Prayer for Boys Calendar, this prayer journal gives you a simple but powerful tool that will guide the time you spend in prayer for your boys. Each weekday features a Scripture-inspired prayer that coordinates with the calendar and you'll find the following sections on each journal page:

Day and Verse

At the beginning of each day, we've included the full verse and reference as a starting point. Note: We use the ESV Bible translation.

Think

The space provided in this section is designed to help you process and meditate on the verse of the day. Consider what God is speaking to your heart through His Word on behalf of your son. Dream about your son's future and what it would look like to see the message of this verse come to fruition in his life.

Pray

Each day, we use the Scripture verse to inspire a prayer that is specifically geared toward the heart of boys. Use that short prayer as a jumping off point and feel free to journal any other heartfelt prayers for your son, your own heart, or anything else you need to bring to Jesus.

Do

Finally, we've provided several lines for you to make a plan for application based on the daily verse. Write out action steps that would allow you to weave this verse into the fabric of your family life today. How can you explain the message of this verse to your son? Does this verse spark any practical object lessons or teachable moments?

We hope this journal and the prompts included are a blessing as you intentionally intercede on behalf of your sons. We feel so privileged to share the journey with you and we are praying for your family!

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"And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3,4

For further study, see Deuteronomy 8:3

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ FIGHT TEMPTATION WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD.



"Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Matthew 4:7

For further study, see Deuteronomy 6:16

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ NOT PUT GOD TO THE TEST.



"Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

For further study, see Deuteronomy 6:13 and 1 Samuel 7:3

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ WORSHIP GOD AND SERVE ONLY HIM!



"...the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Matthew 4:16,17

For further study, see Isaiah 42:7, Psalm 23:4

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ STEP OUT OF DARKNESS AND INTO THE LIGHT OF JESUS.



"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:18,19

THINK

PRAY

MAY ___ FOLLOW JESUS AND BE A FISHER OF MEN.



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ SHINE THEIR LIGHT BEFORE OTHERS, SO OTHERS MAY SEE THEIR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO GOD!



"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. Matthew 5:21-22

For further study, see Matthew 27-28, 31-32, 33-34, and 43-44

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ PATTERN THEIR ACTIONS AND THOUGHTS AFTER JESUS' EXAMPLE.



"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:1-4

THINK

PRAY

FATHER, MAY ____ PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS TO HONOR GOD AND NOT TO BE SEEN BY OTHERS.



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:3-4

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ BE BLESSED WITH A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR NEED FOR GOD.



"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Matthew 5:5,6

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ BE BLESSED WITH A HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.



"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:7,8

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ BE BLESSED WITH MERCY AND PURITY OF HEART.



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:9,10

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ BE BLESSED WITH HEARTS FULL OF PEACE AND ABLE TO MAKE PEACE WITH OTHERS.



"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11,12

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ REJOICE AND BE GLAD WHEN THEY ARE PERSECUTED, REMEMBERING THAT THEIR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN.



"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:14,15

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ BE QUICK TO GIVE FORGIVENESS.



"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ 'S HEART BE FOCUSED ON LAYING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN, NOT ON EARTH.



"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." Matthew 6:24

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ SERVE GOD, NOT MONEY.



"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:25 and 33

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ NOT BE ANXIOUS, BUT INSTEAD SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.



"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened... how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:7,8 and 11

THINK

PRAY

MAY ___ ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK, KNOWING THAT THEIR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVES GOOD THINGS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!



"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock... And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand." Matthew 7:24,26

THINK

PRAY

LORD, MAY ___ BE LIKE THE WISE MAN AND BUILD ON THE ROCK.



"That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 'He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.'" Matthew 8:16,17

For further study, see Isaiah 53:4

THINK

PRAY

LORD, TAKE ____ 'S SICKNESSES AND SORROWS AND HEAL THEM IN YOUR NAME.



"And they went and woke him, saying, 'Save us, Lord; we are perishing.' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?' Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?'" Matthew 8:25-27

THINK

PRAY

MAY ____ HAVE FAITH AND NOT BE AFRAID.



"But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he then said to the paralytic—'Rise, pick up your bed and go home.' And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men." Matthew 9:5-8

THINK

PRAY

LORD, MAY ____ GLORIFY GOD WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS.



"Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:13

For further study, see Hosea 6:6

THINK

PRAY

LORD, MAY ____ LEARN TO FOLLOW GOD WITH ALL THEIR HEART.