

# Prayer “Bingo Card” of HOPEFUL PRAYER Prompts

|   | H                                  | O                                  | P   | E                                       | F                                   | U  | L  |
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| P | Ask God to bless someone at school | Thank God for your friends         | Ask God to help those who are sick                | Ask God to watch over China             | Thank God for your favorite animals | Say "Sorry" for when you argued              | Ask God to watch over Spain                                |
| R | Ask God to bless a teacher         | Thank God for your family          | Ask God to help those who are homeless            | Ask God to watch over Turkey            | Thank God for your favorite food    | Say "Sorry" for when you were rude           | Ask God to watch over France                               |
| A | Ask God to bless a friend          | Thank God for your school          | Ask God to help those who don't have enough food  | Ask God to watch over Italy             | Thank God for your home             | Say "Sorry" for when you told a lie          | Ask God to watch over the United Kingdom                   |
| Y | Ask God to bless a family member   | Thank God for travel and vacations | Ask God to help those who are without clean water | Ask God to watch over Iran              | Thank God for your clothes          | Say "Sorry" for when you upset someone       | Ask God to watch over Germany                              |
| E | Ask God to bless church leaders    | Thank God for food                 | Ask God to help those who are jobless             | Ask God to watch over the United States | Thank God for your possessions      | Say "Sorry" for when you made fun of someone | Ask God to watch over Russia                               |
| R | Ask God to bless a helper          | Thank God for clothes              | Ask God to help those who are sad or stressed     | Ask God to watch over Brazil            | Thank God for your favorite place   | Say "Sorry" for when you wasted something    | Ask God to watch over all places where COVID-19 has spread |

## Pandemic Hope: June Prayer Devotional

Most of us have been paying attention to the news as information about COVID-19 changes hour by hour. This virus is aggressive. Social distancing, face-coverings, shortages, uncertainties, health, job loss, isolation, quarantining, and loss of human contact are stressful. But, as people of faith, we need to focus on the HOPE we preach:

HOPE that this virus will be halted.

HOPE that our sense of community with one another will be restored and adhered to.

HOPE that God has not left us to fend off the virus and its consequences alone.

Instead, we have allowed ourselves to become focused inward by stockpiling supplies, making lists of all the TV shows we want to watch, and books we want to read, making schedules for our kids so they don't fall behind with their schoolwork. Focusing on how this virus is affecting us, as individuals. But this virus is affecting us as a global community too. Just as God created us and the world, we are called to take responsibility for taking care of His creation and all who live within it. We don't live in this world separate from one another.

Join in some time of deepening our faith and listening to how God is calling us to love and serve our neighbor. In this devotional there are READINGS, PRAYER PROMPTS, and FAITH PRACTICES for each day. They focus on God's continuing pursuance of reconciliation with us and the HOPE, LOVE and PROMISES to us, **Remember. We are not a people of fear, but of HOPE.**

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

**Reading: Psalm 100. The Lord is God. Remember we belong to God and He is our strength, shield and hope.**

Faith Practice: Sing one verse from one of the “Hymnal Handwashing Songs” from the list below whenever you wash your hands today. Examples of “Handwashing Hymns: This Little Light of Mine, How Great Thou Art, Jesus Loves Me, Great is Thy Faithfulness, It is Well With My Soul, Amazing Grace, Here I Am Lord.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

**Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18. The earth is the Lord's and He created it.**

Faith Practice: Pray for the animals and all creation. It is our job to care for it.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

**Reading: Matthew 6:5-15 Earnestly and privately bring your prayers to God.**

Faith Practice: Choose a “line” from the Bingo card insert. Pray using the prompts.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

**Reading: Exodus 3: 1-12. God is with us in the hard times.**

Faith Practice: Use or make a cross to focus your prayers, asking Him to raise up leaders and save us.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

**Reading: Exodus 3: 13-22. Who is God?**

Faith Practice: Use the list of some of the names of God – which one is your favorite, and why?

God is mighty, strong, Creator, Mighty and Strong, The Mighty One, “LORD”, He will Provide, He Heals, He goes before us, He Makes us Holy, Our Peace, LORD God, Our Righteousness, Our Shepherd, He is with us, the Lord of Hosts, Most High, He sees all, everlasting, He is Mighty God.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**Reading: John 11: 17-44. Just as Jesus cared about others, we share God's love when we show care.**

Faith Practice: Make cards, or send cards or notes to somebody who is homebound.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**Reading: Psalm 121. God cares for you and watches over you.**

Faith Practice: Pray for people who are helping our communities this week. For example, hospital staff, grocery store workers, first responders and dispatchers, custodians, utilities/trash workers, etc.

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

**Reading: Exodus 16: 4-5, 9-18. God will provide.**

Faith Practice: Make extra food and deliver some to a neighbor who lives alone, or doesn't have much help.

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 9**

Reading: Philippians 1: 1-11. Express your gratitude to God for some of the blessings He has given you.

Faith Practice: Write a letter to someone you are isolated from and tell them how much God loves them.

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

Reading: Psalm 44: 1-7, 17-26. God saves when we turn to Him.

Faith Practice: Pray for the countries where there are COVID-19 cases. Use a map or globe to help you.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-3. We remember Jesus' patience and long-suffering at the times we grow weary and faint of heart.

Faith Practice: Draw a cloud on a piece of paper. Write the names of people who have helped you grow in your faith. Add to it as more names occur to you. Thank God for bringing them into your life.

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

Reading: John 13: 3b-17. We must serve one another, just as Jesus humbly serves us.

Faith Practice: Think of a way that you can help someone else, while still maintaining social distancing. An example could be to send money to a foodbank, or do something in support of essential workers.

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

Reading: Psalm 67. Say a prayer of thanks for God's goodness, and worship for His mercy

Faith Practice: Make a list of your family and friends, neighbors and teachers, ... Ask God to bless each one by name.

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

Reading: Genesis 9: 13-16. God's promise of reconciliation and hope.

Faith Practice: Draw or paint a rainbow. Keep it where you can be reminded of God's promise.

## **MONDAY, JUNE 15**

Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11. Seek God. Seek His will. Read the Word. Pray. Bear fruitful works.

Faith Practice: Call a homebound or lonely person(s) from the congregation. See how they are doing. Pray with them at the end of your call.

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 16**

Reading: Psalm 16. Remember and praise the Lord at all times.

Faith Practice: Write out some of the things God has given you and your family.

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

Reading: Exodus 10: 1-10. Serve only God. He is our strength and protection. Turn to Him in hard times.

Faith Practice: Name the ways God has protected you and cared for you in times of need.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

Reading: John 20: 19-31. The resurrected Jesus tells us that His believers will have the Holy Spirit to help them live a life of sharing God's love with others.

Faith Practice: Line up several dominoes. when you knock over the first one, the others fall in turn. This chain reaction shows how God's love is shared and shared again.

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

Reading: Psalm 80. Joy and love in God's presence, in His Creation.

Faith Practice: Weather permitting, go for a walk, or go for a "walk" through nature. Notice the things in nature that show us God's presence and glory.

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

Reading: Jonah 2: 1-10. Turn to God in troubled times.

Faith Practice: Your home is your fort during these pandemic times. Pray for those outside it and for those who risk their health, face financial hardship, or who have lost loved ones.

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

Reading: Psalm 98. Sing a song of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Faith Practice: Sing a favorite praise song out loud. Use improvised instruments to make a joyful noise!

## **MONDAY, JUNE 22**

Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32. Beyond this life, God promises the faithful reconciliation with Him and life eternal with Him.

Faith Practice: List the places you have seen God at work and the people and circumstances He has used.

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 23**

Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41. We belong to the body of God's church by our repentance, acceptance of Jesus as our Savior and our promise to live for God.

Faith Practice: We are brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for friends in our body of believers and seekers, and those who worship in other places.

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

Reading: Luke 24: 13-35. Do we truly believe in Jesus' resurrection and why God sent Him?

Faith Practice: Reflect on the promise of God to send the Messiah and pray that you can cling to the Hope of the world, our Savior.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

Reading: Acts 16: 12-15, 40. Strong women also became followers of Jesus.

Faith Practice: Talk about women who have taught you about Jesus' love. Give thanks to God for them and for others of faith like Lydia.

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

Reading: Acts 1: 8-13. We should not be standing around, waiting for the return of Jesus, but be proactive in bearing the Good News and bringing the Kingdom of God closer.

Faith Practice: Think of ways God calls us to be Salt and Light - active witnesses and active in helping others each day.

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

Reading: Galatians 5: 22-26. Do we honor God by exhibiting a fruitful faith?

Faith Practice: Examine how you might or might not be a good example of each part of the "fruit".

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

Reading: Matthew 7: 24-27. Is our life built on a solid foundation of faith and trust?

Faith Practice: Build a card tower and blow it - see how little it needs to topple it. Now reflect on the depth of your faith and trust in God.

## **MONDAY, JUNE 29**

Reading: John 10: 1-10. Do we see and recognize Jesus caring for us and leading us through life?

Faith Practice: Make a cotton ball sheep and imagine yourself feeling safe, knowing that Jesus the Shepherd is with you and guiding you.

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 30**

Reading: John 14: 1-14. Do not be anxious, but know that Jesus went on ahead, planning for us to be with Him.

Faith Practice: Sing, "What a friend we have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged - take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.