

CrossWalk **notes**

Emboldened To Pray

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Understand that your prayer life is going to be a _____.

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray**, just as John taught his disciples.” ² He said to them, “When you pray, say: “**Father. . .**

Luke 11:1-2a, NIV

**We learn the language of prayer by _____ and
then _____ the words of our Father.**

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things and will remind you of everything** I have said to you. John 14:26, NIV

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that **whatever you ask in my name** the Father will give you. John 15:16, NIV

**I am emboldened to pray in Jesus’ name because he has
reestablished a _____ with God for me.**

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and **reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.** ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “**you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.** Acts 4:23-24, NIV

**Prayer is, at the same time, both expressed
_____ and _____.**

²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed one.

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Acts 4:25-28, NIV

**Boldness in prayer comes when we remember God’s
perfect track record in _____ his _____.**

²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and **enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.** ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:29-30, NIV

**The bold prayer was not for self-preservation, but for
“God’s _____ to _____.”**

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.** Acts 4:31, NIV

Bold prayer is followed by Holy Spirit powered _____.

MEMORY VERSE

² He said to them, “When you pray, say: “**Father. . .** Luke 11:2a, NIV

My next step: I will learn the language of prayer by listening to my Heavenly Father. Emboldened to pray, I will boldly share his Word.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

Impact Group Questions

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Getting Started: How long is the longest phone conversation you have ever had? Who was it with?

Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will start with the question, **“What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you?”** Another question is **“How did this message help me appreciate Jesus at the Hero of my life?”** Take time to consider these question as you listen to each message. Bring your sermon notes to class each week to help you remember and share with the group.

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Read: Luke 11:1-4

In what way is learning to pray like a child learning how to talk?

Read: Acts 4:23-24

How will a prayer life that includes both expressed helplessness and hopefulness help to make your prayer experience uplifting and empowering?

Read: Acts 4:25-31

Peter and John addressed the Triune God in their prayer. They pointed to the creating work of the Father and the saving work of the Son. They experienced the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

How can my approach and attitude in prayer begin to change from “My will be done” to “Thy will be done” when keeping Jesus at the center of my prayer?

My Next Step:

I will set aside a specific time in my day to communicate with God. I will use a Bible reading plan to listen to God. I will use the Lord’s Prayer as a launch pad for my prayer life.

Doing Life Together:

In the Bible we use the word sin to describe everything from a bad thought to a murder. We can also use the word racism to describe anyone from a militant white supremacist to someone who simply doesn’t love another because of his skin color. Like any other sin, racism needs to be confronted, confessed and forgiven.

During this time of unrest, please consider starting conversations about race with a desire to learn. Our church leadership has used and encourages an approach of “Listen, Empathize and Affirm.” Talk with your group about the best way for you to start conversations in your group, community and country about racial issues. Have these conversations in love under an umbrella of grace.

As you begin to pray about racial divide, read Ephesians 2, especially verses 11-22 to see God’s view on race and have his words in your heart and life.

Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise from above. Set aside about 10 minutes so it doesn’t feel rushed. Go around in a circle with each person praying, a person may say, “pass” if they are uncomfortable praying out loud.

Reminders:

For the most current CrossWalk information go to www.cwlc.church and click on the news tab. At this site you can also get more information about outreach opportunities to serve at a blood drive, food bank, and school supplies drive.

Remember that CrossWalk is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.