



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2019

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Opening Song: “Did You Think To Pray”

Did you stop to pray this morning?
As you started on your ways,
Did you ask the Lord to guide you?
Walk beside you through the day.

Did you think to pray this morning?
Did you kneel just one moment to day?
Oh the skies will be blue,
Cause He’s walking with you,
If you just remember to pray.

When you stop to pray he’ll answer,
In your heart he will speak to you,
And you’ll know the joy of talking,
With a friend so kind so true.

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Did you kneel just one moment to day?
Oh the skies will be blue,
Cause He’s walking with you,
If you just remember to pray.

Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)

Scripture: James 5:13-18

Meditation: “When You Pray”

Every once in a while a sermon really hits home with me. One such sermon was preached by a former pastor some time ago. This message radically changed the way I pray.

The pastor shared that he’d listened to thousands of prayer requests, and many of them echoed similar things. Often these petitions were for major and minor health concerns. Other requests poured in for help with finances, relationships, and traveling mercies. He

affirmed these requests, reminding us that God is concerned with every detail of our lives. He truly wants us to pray at all times, to lay our burdens at His feet.

But then he suggested that God also delights to hear us pray for one another’s “inner life.” He encouraged us to develop a greater awareness of the condition of our own hearts, and the spiritual growth of those we care about. So now when I pray about one friend’s surgery or another friend’s financial struggle, I remember to pray for their spiritual development, the process of sanctification that Christ is working in them. Our sin has left us broken, and God wants to heal us.

Closing Song: “Prayer Will Make It Alright”

Prayer will make it alright,
Prayer will make it alright,
Pray in and out of season,
Pray for no special reason,
If you feel there’s no way,
Just fall on your knees and pray.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Thank You for coming to heal me. Teach me to more like You and to have a greater awareness of the spiritual needs of others. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I pray.

Amen

