



NO BIBLE SUNDAY?

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Prayer resource

Thank you God!

Description:

A prayer in response to today's service.

Aim:

To respond to what God has done for us and ask him to bless others.

What's needed:

One person to pray

Time:

3 minutes

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you. Thank you that you chose to make us in the first place. Thank you that because of that, you love us and want us to have a living relationship with you. Thank you that because of that, you want us to hear your voice when we hear or read the Bible. Thank you for the promises you give us in its pages, for the examples it provides of how you have acted faithfully in the lives of your people, and that you bring your words to life in our hearts. We thank you that we have the privilege of having all of this book available in our own language and that we can easily understand it. Thank you that we live in a nation where we can open and read it in safety.

But Father, we also have to confess that we are sorry. We allow the busy-ness of our lives to take our eyes off of you. Too frequently we don't make the time we should to take the Bible off the shelf and listen to what you have to say to us through it. Often this is due to things like families and jobs, but Lord we also confess that we sometimes choose to give more time to things like TV and magazines instead of you. We are sorry that when we do this we allow the world's values to gain a foothold in our lives, instead of reminding ourselves that we are called to shine out as lights in our darkened world.

We ask you to forgive us in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you that, as your word promises, even now those sins are now washed away and are as white as snow.

Lord God, we want to remember those who do not yet have the Bible as we do. We know that you made them, just as you made us, and so we know that you love them too. We know that Jesus died for each of them as well. We ask in his name that even today you will be moving in mighty ways to make your message of life available to those who have not yet heard it clearly.

Please protect those who are involved in translating, distributing and preaching your word, wherever they are in the world. But Lord we would ask for extra protection for those working in countries where Christianity is persecuted against. Please call many more of your people, not just from here but also from Asia, Africa, and around the world, to join in this task of sharing your powerful word.

Please be working in the hearts of those who haven't ever heard your word in their own language. Prepare them for the day when someone will come and tell them about you. Help them to see your love and power in the lives of whoever comes as your messenger. Help us to be this person to the people we know who are not believers – our family, our friends, even those we may meet today.

Father, we thank you again for all of this and more. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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