

# Engagement Form: Praying with Scripture ✨

## Ways of Praying with Scripture

- Praying the prayers of the Bible word-for-word (examples: David (Psalms), Daniel, Paul, Mary, Jesus)
- Personalizing portions of Scriptures in prayer, placing your name or names of those you're praying for in the verses (see examples at the bottom of the page)
- Meditating on Scripture, interacting with God around what He reveals through its stories.

### 1. Select a passage.

Choose a passage that is meaningful to you and that you feel speaks truth into your life. *A psalm is a great place to start this practice.*

### 2. Pray.

Take a moment to ask God to bless your time in Scripture, to keep you focused, and to help you pray His Word. Try praying Psalm 119:18 in your own words.

### 3. Read slowly and pray through the words.

Start reading through your passage slowly, meditating on each word and verse. As you finish a sentence or verse, stop and turn your thoughts into a prayer. Bring the ideas and/or truths into a conversation with God. Pray for yourself and/or others.

## Examples of Using Scripture to Pray for Yourself/Others

Ephesians 4:32 Lord, stir up kindness and tenderheartedness in [*me, a person's name, my children*]. Cause *me/them* to be forgiving people as *I/they* have been forgiven.

Psalms 3:3 You, O Lord, are a shield around *me/a person's name*. You are *my/their* glory and the lifter of *my/their* head.

2 Corinthians 9:8 God, You are able to make all grace abound to *me/a person's name*, so that in all things at all times and in all ways, *I/they* may abound in every good work.