

# A Day By Day Guide

## Day by Day Guide for Praying through the New Testament in One Year

As you read each day's passage from the New Testament, spend a few minutes in prayer inspired by the passage and the hints below.

**Monday, January 5** – Matthew 5:1-26 – Pray through the Beatitudes (supreme blessings from God). In verses 3-11 insert your name in place of the pronouns used. Read the rest of Jesus' message by inserting your name for every "you." Obey the fleeting thought in your heart.

**Tuesday, January 6** – Matthew 5:27-48 – Pray, "Jesus, help me to live according to the Spirit of the law like you teach here. Help me not to justify poor behavior and poor attitude by trying to get off on a technicality. Give me the power to love like you do as I walk through my day today. Amen."

**Wednesday, January 7** – Matthew 6:1-18 – Meditate on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer in verses 9-13. Take each line and apply it to your life. Ask God to make it true for you in a very practical way. Write the prayer down and put it in your pocket so that you can pray it today.

**Thursday, January 8** – Matthew 6:19-7:11 – Verses 19-21 are the verses from last Sunday's teaching about "treasure." Pray, "God, reveal to me what I treasure in a wrong way and what the true treasure in my life is. Help me today to serve only you as my Master, not my treasure. As I do this, I know you will take away my worries!"

**Friday, January 9** – Matthew 7:12-29 – Pray, "Jesus, help me to live like you today by 'doing to others whatever I would like them to do to me.' What does that mean? Help me to understand how to live this lifestyle. Help me to produce "good fruit" in my life and to obey the fleeting thoughts that you put in my heart toward others!"

**Saturday, January 10** – Matthew 8:1-22 – Pray, "Father, my God, show me how I am like the man in verse 21. How am I putting other priorities in my life ahead of you? How am I choosing to live life without you? Give me the understanding and the strength to change." Write your answer below.

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**Sunday, January 11** – Matthew 8:23-9:8 – Write out a prayer to God today simply letting Him know what you have learned this week. Write out one commitment that you will make to Him based on His guidance through the Bible and prayer.

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