

JANUARY 2023

WEEK 1 ACKNOWLEDGE

Bible Reading:

- Psalm 91:14-16
- Hebrews 7:25
- John 10:27
- Matthew 6:9-14
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Colossians 3:17

Self reflection & Meditation:

- What does prayer mean to you?
- What are some attributes in scripture that describe God? Are there specific passages that you know that tell you He is these things? Give some examples of what and who God is and what verses tell us this.

Devotion

The Bible tells us that God is everywhere. That He hears everything. That He knows everything. When we pray He wants us to address Him, but why? It isn't because we need to get His attention, we already have His attention because He loves us. It isn't because we need to beg for His mercy, He already gave mercy to us when He died on the cross for our sins. It isn't because we have to earn His gifts, because He wants to give us everything He can.

No, we address Him because in addressing Him we understand where our blessings come from. We empower Him to fully act, to have full access to our life and our problems so that He can help and fix them. God is all powerful, but He is also kind and loving and He will not force us to allow Him access.

In our acknowledgement of God in prayer, we place Him in His rightful place in our life. This doesn't empower Him as much as it aligns us with His power so that our life can be blessed by living in His way.

This week we challenge you to acknowledge God as who He is. To see Him as Lord. To choose Him each and every day. To let His love to flow through your life. God is there. He is willing. We just have to open the door and prayer is the open door.