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#### **A World of Worry**



## 67% of Americans say they are anxious about what's happening in the world.



75% of people report at least one stress-related symptom every month - fatigue, headaches, insomnia.



# 43% of adults say they are more anxious today than they were a year ago.



### 47% of Americans say they live in a constant state of worry.



# The average person faces 5 daily stressors - work, money, health, family, and time.



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#### Rejoice > Complain

#### **Gentleness > Harshness**



#### **Prayer > Worry**



Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6



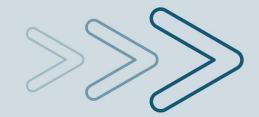
### When prayer becomes your first response, peace replaces your worry.



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When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them.



### I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.



But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private.



# Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.



When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.



# Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!



#### **Pray like this:**



### Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.



May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.



#### Give us today the food we need,



# and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.



### And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.



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"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 14:6



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#### **Pray Constantly**



#### Never stop praying.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

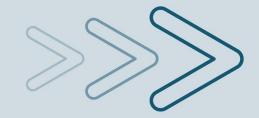


#### **Pray Authentically**



### Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**Psalm 62:8** 



### **Pray Scripturally**



If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:7



### **Pray with Trust**



# And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

1 John 5:14 - 15



And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

1 John 5:14 - 15



Constantly
Authentically
Scripturally
Trusting



### CAST all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7



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## Weekly churchgoers report the highest levels of mental health and life satisfaction in America.

Gallup



# Studies show prayer and meditation lower stress hormones and blood pressure.

**Harvard Gazette** 



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