FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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Praying Through the Bible in One Year—Genesis

I. Reading Plan – Month-January	
WEEK ONE: Old Testament: Genesis 1-15	Psalms: □ 1 – 3
WEEK TWO: Old Testament: Genesis 16-27	Psalms: 🗖 4 - 6
WEEK THREE: Old Testament: Genesis 28-40	Psalms: □ 7 – 9
WEEK FOUR: Old Testament: Genesis 41-50 /Exodus 1-3	Psalms: □ 10 – 12

II. Overview

Genesis is the book of beginning. The beginning of humanity, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's covenant with his people. Genesis also records the first prayers of the Bible. Gen 4:26 states, "It was during (Enosh) lifetime that people first began to worship the Lord." Adam and Eve's son and grandson Enosh exhibited a loving reliance on God. Noah survived the Flood Because he was willing to follow God's instructions. His prayer and sacrifice of thanksgiving after the Flood prompted God's sign of the rainbow. Abraham, famous for his life of faith, prayer for God's help in several different life situations. (source: the Prayer Bible)

III. Prayer-Praise-Promise in Genesis

- Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
- Gen.4:1 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."
- Gen 4:25-26 Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD.
- Gen 12:2 I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
- Rom 4:20-21 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised

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IV.	Types of Prayer in Genesis	
\triangleright	Insincere Prayer (conversation between God and Cain)	Gen 4:6-15
\triangleright	Call-Prayer	Gen 4:26
	Responsibility-Praying	Gen 6:22
\triangleright	Worship-Prayer	Gen 8:20-22
	Repentance-Prayer	Gen 12:1
	Blessing Expectation-Prayer	Gen 13:14-18
	Protection-Prayer	Gen 15:1
	Justification-Based Prayer	Gen 15:2
	Intimacy-Prayer	Gen 17:1
	Intercessor's Prayer	Gen 18:23
\triangleright	Healing-Prayer	Gen 20:17
\triangleright	Deliverance-Prayer	Gen 21:17
\triangleright	Frightful-Prayer	Gen 22:11-12
\triangleright	Mourning the Dead-Prayer	Gen 23:2
	Guidance-Prayer	Gen 24:27

V. God's Promises In Genesis

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- 1. **Gen 1:26-28** God made man in his image, in his likeness, and gave him dominion over the earth and all its creatures.
- 2. Gen 3:15 God promises the seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head.
- 3. **Gen 12:2-3; 18:18** God blessed the descendants of Abraham, and all people on earth have been blessed through them.
- 4. Gen 15:6 When we believe the Lord, he credits it to us as righteousness.
- 5. **Gen 17:2, 5** God established His covenant with Abraham and greatly increased his number, so that he became a father of many nations.
- 6. Gen 18:14 Nothing is too hard for the Lord.
- 7. **Gen 18:19** God chose Abraham, "so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.

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V. God's Promises In Genesis cont.

- 8. Gen 18:25 The judge of all the earth will always do right.
- Gen 22:17-18 God promised to bless Abraham and make his descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Through his offspring, all nations on earth would be blessed, because he obeyed.
- 10. **Gen 49:25** God promises to help and to bless. "because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below, blessings of the breast and womb."

VI. Six Keys to Having Bold Faith in Prayer

- 1. Align your requests with the Will of God.
 - 1 John 5:14-15 This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have petitions that we have asked of Him.
- 2. Base your requests on the promise or promises of God.
 - 2 Peter 1:4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
- 3. Look for confirmation.
 - Mark 16:4 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.
- 4. Recognize a prayer burden.
 - Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
- 5. Focus on God's faithfulness, not your faithlessness.
 - Mark 11:22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.
- 6. Express your faith with words of thanksgiving. (Philippians 4:6-7)

VII. God's Promises about Prayer

- 1. **Deuteronomy 4:29** But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

VII. God's Promises about Prayer cont.

- 3. **Psalm 9:10** Those who know your name trust in you, for you Lord have never forsaken those who seek you.
- 4. **Psalm 16:11** You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.
- 5. **Psalm 25:12, 14** Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. The Lord confides in those who fear Him; he makes His covenant known to them.
- 6. **Psalm 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- 7. Psalm 34:4 I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.
- 8. Psalm 34:15 CEV If you obey the LORD, he will watch over you and answer your prayers.
- 9. **Psalm 34:17** The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.
- 10. Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD; and he shall give you the desires of your heart.
- 11. Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
- 12. Psalm 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.
- 13. **Psalm 91:14-15** Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
- 14. **Isaiah 65:24** And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
- 15. **Jeremiah 29:12-13** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- 16. Jeremiah 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you:
- 17. Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not.
- 18. **Matthew 18:18** Whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven...
- 19. **Matthew 18:19** I two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

VII. God's Promises about Prayer cont.

- 20. Matthew 21:33 And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive
- 21. **Mark 11:24** Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours.
- 22. John 14:13 Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 23. John 14:14 If you shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
- 24. **John 16:23** And in that day you shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatever you shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
- 25. **John 16:24** Hitherto have your asked nothing in my name: ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- 26. **James 1:5-6** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.
- 27. James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- 28. James 5:14-15 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.
- .29. **1 John 5:14** This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
- 30. **1 John 5:15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

VIII. One Hour Prayer Wheel

THE BASIC PRAYER WHEEL OUTLINE

- **PRAISE:** Spend time praising God for who He is and what He has done
- **WAITING:** Spend time silently waiting on God. Just quiet your heart and wait
- **CONFESSION:** Spend time confessing sin and all that hinders your relationship with God.



VIII. One Hour Prayer Wheel cont.

- **READ THE WORD:** Spend time reading the word of God.
- **PETITION:** Spend time praying general prayers of blessing and protection for yourself, family & others.
- **INTERCEDE:** Spend time praying specifically for one or two people or issues.
- **PRAY THE WORD:** Go back to the scripture you read. Read a verse and then pray the essence of that verse back to God.
- **THANKSGIVING:** Spend time thanking God for all of His blessings and actions in your life.
- **SINGING:** Spend time singing a favorite hymn or play a worship song on Youtube.
- **MEDITATE:** Spend time meditating on one aspect of God, a phrase of scripture or a word or phrase from a worship song.

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• **LISTEN:** Spend time listening to what the Holy Spirit might be wanting to say to you through this time. Have a notebook and pen handy to write down anything you hear from God.

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• **PRAISE:** End your time praising God.

Praying Through the Bible In One Year—Matthew

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II. Overview

Quoting from the Old Testament, the Gospel of Matthew forms a literary, theological and historical bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament. All of Jesus' teachings and actions serve to reveal that He, the long awaited Messiah, has come to replace Old Testament ways of relating to God. Jesus' lessons on prayer turn common thinking upside down. He instructs us to even pray for our enemies! (Matt 5:44)! Jesus' pattern of simple believing prayer ran contrary to the showy and verbose praying of the Pharisees and Gentiles (Matt 6:5-13). By His example, Jesus reveals the importance of getting away from everyday life to spend time alone with God (Matt 14:23). During Jesus' betrayal, trial, and crucifixion, he often called out to His Father in prayer (Matt 26:36-46; Matt. 27:46). (source: the Prayer Bible)

III. Prayer-Praise-Promise in Matthew

- Matthew 6:9-13 This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <u>10</u>your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.<u>11</u>Give us today our daily bread.<u>12</u>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.<u>13</u>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
- Matthew 21:33 And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive

IV.	Types of Prayer in Matthew	
\checkmark	Family Heritage Prayer (genealogy of Jesus	Matt 1:1-17
\triangleright	Repentance in prayer	Matt 3:2,8
\triangleright	Hypocritical Prayer	Matt 6:5
\triangleright	Coming Kingdom	Matt 6:9
\triangleright	Fasting and Prayer	Matt 6:16-19
\succ	Asking Prayer	Matt 7:7
\succ	Desperate Prayer	Matt 14:30
\triangleright	Intercessory Prayer for Nations	Matt 28:19

VIII. God's Promises In Matthew

- Matthew 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
- A Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."
- Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- A Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- Matthew 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Matthew 5:11,12 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- Matthew 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
- Matthew 6:14,15 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.
- Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- Matthew 7:7,8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
- Matthew 11:28-29 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

VIII. God's Promises In Matthew cont.

- Matthew 17:20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
- Matthew 21:21,22 Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."
- Matthew 28:20 "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."