



#4 "Guide Us"

Luke 11:1 (GW) Once Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he stopped praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples."

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV) This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

1. The _____ of our _____ will determine the quality of our life.

Proverbs 28:26 (NLT) Those who trust their own insight are foolish, but anyone who walks in wisdom is safe.

Ecclesiastes 10:2 (NLT) A wise person chooses the right road; a fool takes the wrong one.

Matthew 7:26 (CEV) Anyone who hears my teachings and doesn't obey them is like a foolish person who built a house on sand.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NCV) So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise, but live wisely. Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times. So do not be foolish but learn what the Lord wants you to do.

2. We need guidance from a _____ and WISE _____.

Psalm 23:1-3 (NLT) The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

Psalm 32:8 (NLT) The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

Isaiah 42:16 (NLT) I will lead blind Israel down a new path, guiding them along an unfamiliar way. I will brighten the darkness before them and smooth out the road ahead of them. Yes, I will indeed do these things; I will not forsake them.

Exodus 13:21-22 (NLT) The LORD went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night. And the LORD did not remove the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire from its place in front of the people.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

1 Samuel 23:2 (NLT) David asked the LORD, "Should I go and attack them?" "Yes, go and save Keilah," the LORD told him.

1 Kings 3:7-10 (NLT) Now, O LORD my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom.

Mark 1:16-18 (NIV) As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

John 21:20-22 (NIV) Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

Acts 16:9-10 (NLT) That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

3. Prayer _____ our _____ to the wisdom of God.

John 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

James 1:5-8 (NLT) If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

What kind of prayers for guidance are answered?

- Surrendered prayers.
- Honest and sincere prayers.
- Obedient prayers.
- Patient and persistent prayers.
- Attentive prayers.
- Humble prayers.
- Trusting and believing prayers.
- Scripture-based prayers.