

The Put God First Challenge Bible Reading Plan – 1st Week

Day 1: The Gift of Salvation

- John 3
- Romans 3
- Ephesians 2
- Isaiah 53

Day 1- A Prayer of Gratitude for Salvation

Heavenly Father,

I come before You in awe of Your mercy and grace, knowing that it is not by my own righteousness but by Your unfailing love that I stand redeemed. As Your Word declares, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23), I acknowledge my need for the salvation You so freely give.

Lord, I thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who bore my iniquities upon Himself. As Isaiah prophesied, “He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). Through His sacrifice, the debt of my sin has been paid in full.

I rejoice in the truth of the Gospel, that “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Your love is beyond comprehension, and yet You have poured it out abundantly, not because of my works, but because of Your mercy.

Father, Your Word reminds me that “it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). I humbly receive this gift, knowing that nothing I do could ever earn the salvation You have so graciously given.

I praise You that, in Your kindness, You saved me, “not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5). Lord, renew me daily by Your Spirit, that I may walk in the newness of life You have granted me.

Let my heart never grow weary of proclaiming Your goodness. Let my life be a testimony to the grace that saved me, and may I live in the assurance that my salvation is secure in Christ. Strengthen my faith, O God, that I may trust fully in the finished work of Jesus, who alone is my righteousness.

I pray this in the name of my Savior and King, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 2: The Need for a Savior

- Genesis 3
- Romans 5-6
- Psalm 51

Day 2-A Prayer for a Fresh Start with God

Dear God,

I come to You today with an open heart, knowing that I need You in my life. I know that I have made mistakes, and sometimes I feel far from You. I don't always do what is right, and I struggle with things I know I shouldn't. But today, I want to be honest with You and ask for Your forgiveness.

I know that from the very beginning, people have turned away from You (Genesis 3), and I realize that I have done the same in my own way. My mistakes, my sins, have created a gap between us (Isaiah 59:2). No matter how hard I try, I can't fix that on my own. But You, in Your great love, have made a way for me to come back to You.

You sent Jesus to take my place, to pay for my sins, and to bring me back into a relationship with You (Romans 5:8). I may not understand everything yet, but I believe that Jesus' death and resurrection were for me. I believe that through Him, I can have a fresh start. The Bible says that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). I don't want to be stuck in my past mistakes—I want the new life that You offer.

So today, I accept Your gift of forgiveness. Please wash away my past (Psalm 51:10) and help me to walk in a new direction. I don't want to live for myself anymore—I want to live for You. Teach me what it means to follow You. Help me to grow in my faith and to trust You more each day.

Thank You for loving me, even when I didn't deserve it. Thank You for giving me another chance. Thank You for Jesus, for His love, and for the new life I have in Him.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen.

Day 3: God's Love for Humanity

- John 10
- Romans 8
- Psalm 103
- 1 John 4

Day 3: God's Love for Humanity Prayer

Father God,

I come before You today, humbled by the depth of Your love. It's a love that I can't fully comprehend—a love that is constant, unshakable, and unconditional. You see me completely, in my strengths and weaknesses, in my victories and failures, yet You love me the same. Your Word tells me in Jeremiah 31:3 that You have loved me with an everlasting love and drawn me with unfailing kindness. Lord, help me to rest in that truth.

Jesus, You called Yourself the Good Shepherd in John 10, and You laid down Your life for me. I wasn't deserving, but You gave everything so that I could be rescued. When I feel lost, remind me that I belong to You. When I feel unworthy, remind me that You paid the highest price for me. Thank You that nothing—neither death nor life, angels nor demons, present nor future—can separate me from Your love (Romans 8:38-39).

There are days when I struggle to believe that I am truly loved. Maybe it's because of past hurts, rejection, or my own self-doubt. But Your love isn't based on my feelings; it is based on who You are. 1 John 4:9 says that You showed Your love by sending Your Son so that I might live through Him. Help me to receive that love fully, to stop striving for approval, and to simply rest in the truth that I am already loved beyond measure.

God, Your love is not just for me but for the whole world. In a world filled with division, pain, and brokenness, Your love is the one thing that remains constant. Psalm 103 reminds me that You are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Fill me with that same love, so that I can reflect it to those around me. Teach me to love as You love—to be patient, kind, and forgiving.

Thank You for Your unchanging, unrelenting love. Thank You for calling me Your child, for never giving up on me, and for pursuing me even when I wander. Let my life be a response to that love. Today, help me to walk in the confidence that I am fully known and fully loved by You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 4: Jesus, the Messiah

- Matthew 1
- John 1
- Luke 4
- Isaiah 61

Day 4: Jesus, the Messiah Prayer

Father,

Today I reflect on the greatest gift You have given Jesus, the Messiah. From the very beginning, You had a plan to redeem the world, and You fulfilled every promise through Him. He wasn't just another teacher or prophet; He was and is the Savior, the One anointed to set captives free, heal the brokenhearted, and proclaim the good news of Your kingdom (Isaiah 61:1-2). Thank You for sending Jesus, not as a distant ruler, but as Emmanuel—God with us.

Jesus, You came in humility, born in a manger, walking among us, feeling our struggles, and carrying our burdens. You are the Word made flesh (John 1:14), the light that darkness cannot overcome. You lived a perfect life, showed boundless compassion, and gave Yourself as a sacrifice for my sins. I am in awe that the One who holds all things together (Colossians 1:17) would step into my brokenness and call me into Your grace.

There are times when I forget the magnitude of who You are. I reduce You to someone who simply helps me in hard times, rather than recognizing You as the King of kings, the fulfillment of God's promises, the very source of life. But today, I want to fix my eyes on You. I want to worship You for who You truly are—my Redeemer, my hope, my salvation.

Jesus, You declared in Luke 4 that You came to bring freedom, healing, and restoration. I need that in my life. Break the chains that hold me back from fully following You. Heal the wounds in my heart that keep me from trusting You completely. Remind me that Your mission was not just for the world, but for me personally. You came so that I could have life—real, abundant, eternal life.

Thank You for being the fulfillment of every promise. Thank You for being my Savior, my Messiah, my constant hope. Let my heart overflow with gratitude, and let my life reflect the truth of who You are. I trust in You, Jesus. I choose to follow You today and always.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 5: Following Jesus

- Matthew 4
- Luke 9
- John 15
- 1 Peter 2

Day 5: Following Jesus Prayer

Jesus,

You stood by the shores of Galilee and called ordinary men to follow You. They left everything—their boats, their nets, their livelihoods—because they saw something in You that was worth more than all they had. And now, You extend that same invitation to me: “Come, follow Me” (Matthew 4:19). Lord, I want to say yes, not just with my words but with my whole life.

Following You is not always easy. You said that anyone who wants to be Your disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow You (Luke 9:23). That means surrendering my plans, my comfort, and my control. It means trusting You even when the road is uncertain. Some days, I wrestle with that surrender. I want to follow You, but I also want to hold on to my own way. Help me to loosen my grip and trust that what You have for me is always better.

Lord, You are the true vine, and I am only able to bear fruit when I remain in You (John 15:5). Apart from You, I am lost, directionless, and empty. But when I abide in You, I find purpose, strength, and peace. Teach me to stay close to You, to seek You daily, to listen for Your voice, and to obey Your leading. May my life reflect the evidence of walking with You.

I know that following You is not about perfection but about pursuit. Even the disciples stumbled and failed, yet You never gave up on them. Thank You for Your grace when I fall short, for Your patience when I hesitate, and for Your love that never lets me go. Keep drawing me deeper, refining my heart, and shaping me into Your likeness.

Jesus, I choose to follow You—not just in the big moments but in the everyday choices. In how I speak, how I love, how I serve, and how I trust. Lead me where You want me to go and give me the courage to walk in obedience. Whatever it costs, You are worth it all.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Day 6: God’s Forgiveness

- Luke 15
- Psalm 32
- 1 John 1
- Isaiah 1

Day 6: God’s Forgiveness Prayer

Father,

I come before You today, deeply aware of my need for Your forgiveness. There have been times when I have strayed, when my heart has been distant, and when I have chosen my own way instead of Yours. But no matter how far I have wandered, You are always ready to welcome me

home. Just like the father in Luke 15 who ran to his lost son, You run toward me with open arms, full of mercy and love. Thank You for never giving up on me.

Your Word says that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just to forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Yet sometimes, I struggle to believe that I am truly forgiven. I carry the weight of past mistakes, allowing guilt and shame to settle in my heart. But You don't hold my sins against me. You blot them out, making me white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). Help me to receive the fullness of Your grace and to walk in the freedom that forgiveness brings. Lord, I don't want to take Your mercy for granted. Your forgiveness came at a great cost—the life of Jesus, given in my place. Because of His sacrifice, my debt has been paid in full. What an incredible gift! Let that truth change the way I live. Instead of running from You in fear, let me run toward You in gratitude. Instead of hiding my sin, let me bring it into the light, knowing that You are a God of compassion, not condemnation.

Your Word says that You cast my sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19), never to be remembered again. If You have forgiven me, who am I to hold onto my past? Teach me to forgive myself, to let go of regret, and to embrace the new life You have given me. And just as You have forgiven me, help me to extend that same forgiveness to others. So often, I want to hold onto resentment, but You call me to love as You love—to release the hurt and choose grace. Thank You, Lord, for being a God of second chances. Thank You for Your kindness that leads me to repentance, for Your patience with my weaknesses, and for the unshakable truth that Your mercy is new every morning. Today, I choose to rest in Your forgiveness and to live as one who is truly set free.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 7: Faith and Trust

- Matthew 6
- Hebrews 11
- Proverbs 3
- Romans 10

Day 7: A Prayer of Faith and Trust

Father, faith is more than just believing in You—it's trusting You with my whole heart, even when I can't see the full picture. You call me to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), but sometimes I struggle. I want to trust You completely, yet doubts creep in. I try to hold onto control instead of surrendering everything into Your hands. Lord, increase my faith. Help me to trust You in all things.

Jesus, You said in Matthew 6 that I don't have to worry about my life, because my heavenly Father knows what I need. The birds of the air don't worry, the flowers of the field don't strive, yet You provide for them. How much more will You provide for me? But still, I worry. I hold onto my fears instead of resting in Your promises. Teach me what it means to truly seek first Your kingdom and trust that You will take care of everything else.

I am reminded of the man in Mark 9 who cried out to You, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). That is my prayer today. I believe in You, Lord, but help me to believe even more. Strengthen my faith when I am weak, and remind me that even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains (Matthew 17:20). I don't have to have it all figured out—I just have to trust You.

Your Word tells me that faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Let my faith be built not on my emotions or circumstances, but on the truth of Scripture. When doubts arise, let me run to Your Word. When fear grips my heart, let me stand on Your promises. When I feel uncertain about the future, let me remember that You are already there, making a way.

Lord, I want my life to reflect deep trust in You. I don't want to live in fear, hesitation, or half-hearted faith. I want to trust You boldly, walk in confidence, and lean on You in every season. Whether I stand on the mountaintop or walk through the valley, help me to declare with my whole heart: You are good, You are faithful, and I trust You completely.

In Jesus' name, Amen.