

GPS Phase II Daily Bible Verse Study

How did your first 21 days of prayer go? I hope you have begun to feel a closer relationship to our heavenly Father. Prayer is the method we have of communicating to God our needs, desires, praise, and gratitude. It also begins to open the door to God communicating with us. The Holy Spirit acts a bit like an interpreter between us and God. The inner yearnings, thoughts, and feelings are often the Holy Spirit acting in us to let us know God's desire for us. How in tune are you to these messages? Prayer helps us get in tune with God's communications. Remember to check the GPS link on the church and school web site and the prayer board in the hallway for prayer requests.

God's most effective way of communicating directly to us is through His Word. Now that you hopefully have reinforced, strengthened, or developed the daily habit of prayer, the next step is to develop the habit of getting into God's Word. For the next 21 days, beginning Wednesday February 27, we will begin studying a Bible verse (sometimes 2 or 3) each day. To truly study and understand a verse, you are encouraged to read several verses before and after the verse in question. This gives you a better sense of the context in which it is being used. The next step is to identify the audience for whom the verse is intended and determine why they needed that message. Finally think about how the message from the verse applies to you. Is it a universal truth you can apply to your daily life? Can it give you comfort in times of trouble (you might want to memorize these)? Does the verse give you a deeper understanding of God and your relationship with Him? Does it give you insights into how to deal with other people or personal challenges in your life? These are just some of the ways verses can be helpful to you. As part of your daily prayer, ask God to give you the insights you need to learn what he wants you to learn. A good study Bible can be a great tool.

Below is a list of 21 verses recommended for you to study, one per day. This is just a suggested list. Feel free to cut along the dotted line and post the list somewhere or keep it in your Bible. If you have your own list, plan, or feel compelled to study something different, by all means do. It may be God calling.

This phase will last through March 18. On Wednesday March 19 we will begin Phase III, the daily devotions. There will be more to come later on Phase III. This is a great opportunity to teach your children how to study Bible verses by studying them together as a family. Try adding a family prayer.

Remember to continue to pray for our congregation and school, that we grow spiritually into the church and school God intends us to become. Pray for each other. There is great peace and comfort knowing that an entire church body is praying for you. Listen to the lessons God has in store for you as you study His Word.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Verse</u>
1	Jeremiah 29:11	8	Rom 10:9,10	15	Col 3:12-14
2	Proverbs 3:5-6	9	1 Cor 6:18	16	1 Tim 4:12
3	Matt 6:25	10	2 Cor 9:6,7	17	2 Tim 3:16
4	Matt 28:18-20	11	Gal 5:22,23	18	James 1:22
5	Luke 12:29-31	12	Eph 2:8,9	19	James 4:7
6	John 14:6	13	Eph 4:29	20	1 Peter 3:15
7	Rom 5:3-5	14	Phil 4:11-13	21	1 John 4:1-3