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## *Prayer Guide*

**Winter 2025-26: Matthew 1–13**

### **Session 1 — Week of December 7, 2025**

Read Matthew 3:13–4:11, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Thank God for the truth that baptism portrays—going from death to life in Christ. Pray that your life would reflect the newness of life you have received in Christ.
- Pray for God to save lost people. Pray for your church to reach and baptize more people in 2026.
- Give thanks to God for revealing His love and approval of Jesus. Ask Him to help you live in a way that pleases Him, rooted in your identity as His child (3:17).
- Ask God to help you walk in obedience, even when you don't fully understand the path ahead (4:1).
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and to empower you to live a life that reflects Christ, always walking in step with His guidance (4:1).
- Ask God to help you respond to trials and temptations with truth, just as Jesus did. Ask Him to remind you of His Word and to strengthen you to resist the enemy (4:3-10).



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### **Session 2 — Week of December 14, 2025**

Read Matthew 4:12-25, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Pray for a heart of repentance, turning from anything that keeps you from Him (vv. 12-17).
- Pray for unbelievers who need to turn to Jesus in repentance and faith (v. 17).
- Pray for your willingness to follow Jesus. Ask God to help you to respond with the same immediacy and trust as the first disciples (vv. 18-22).
- Ask God for a heart that sees others with compassion. Pray that God would use you to bring His healing and hope to those around you (vv. 23-25).

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### **Session 3 — Week of December 21, 2025**

Read Matthew 2:1-12, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Pray for a heart that is eager to seek Jesus, even when the journey is long and uncertain (vv. 1-2).
- Pray for discernment and courage. Ask God to help you listen to His voice above all others, especially when the world offers false promises (vv. 3-8).
- Express to God your willingness to bring Him the best you have—your time, talents, and heart (vv. 9-11).
- Pray for obedience to God's leading, even when He leads you away from familiar paths (v. 12).

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### **Session 4 — Week of December 28, 2025**

Read Matthew 5:13-20,43-48, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Ask God to help you reflect His light so others may see and glorify Him (vv. 14-16).
- Pray for a heart that honors God's Word—not only in knowledge but in obedience (vv. 17-20).
- Ask God to help you love not only those who love you, but also those who oppose you and hurt you (vv. 43-47)
- Pray that God would make you more and more like Him—growing in maturity and holiness (v. 48).

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### **Session 5 — Week of January 4, 2026**

Read Matthew 6:19-34, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Confess ways that you have failed to seek God's kingdom first (vv. 19-21).
- Ask God to help you value what is eternal over what is temporal. Ask for His help in storing treasures in heaven (vv. 19-21).
- Ask God to purify your vision, removing any darkness or distraction that clouds your understanding and hinders you from walking in His ways (vv. 22-23).
- Pray that God would help you serve Him wholeheartedly (v. 24).
- Surrender your anxieties to God, trusting Him to provide all that you need (vv. 25-34).



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### **Session 6 — Week of January 11, 2026**

Read Matthew 7:15-29, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Pray for discernment to recognize truth from deception. Ask God to make you wise and grounded in His Word so you will not be led astray (vv. 15-20).
- Ask God to search your heart and reveal any false motives. Pray that your obedience would be genuine, flowing from a surrendered heart (vv. 21-23).
- Pray for the salvation of those who do not have a genuine relationship with Jesus (vv. 21-23).
- Ask God to help you build your life on His teachings (vv. 24-29).

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### **Session 7 — Week of January 18, 2026**

Read Matthew 8:1-4,14-17; 9:1-8, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Thank Jesus for His compassion and willingness to heal (8:1-4).
- Pray for those who are sick and needing His healing touch (8:14-17).
- Give thanks to God for His power to heal and to forgive. Pray that God would use you to extend His grace to others (9:1-8).

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### **Session 8 — Week of January 25, 2026**

Read Matthew 9:10-19,23-26, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Ask God to help you see people through His eyes, with compassion and grace (vv. 10-13).
- Pray that you would not cling to old ways when God is doing something new in you (vv. 14-17).
- Ask God to strengthen your faith even when the situation feels hopeless (vv. 18-19).
- Ask for God to remind you that He is never limited by what you see, even when situations may appear hopeless (vv. 23-26).
- Pray that your life would reflect God's goodness so that others will see and hear of His grace and power (v. 26).





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### **Session 9 — Week of February 1, 2026**

Read Matthew 10:16-20, 26-34, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Ask God for wisdom and discernment as you navigate difficult environments (vv. 16-18).
- Pray for a heart that remains pure even when surrounded by antagonism (vv. 16-18).
- Thank God that His Spirit will help you know what to say when you face opposition (vv. 19-20).
- Pray for release from fear of people or circumstances (v. 26).
- Ask for strength to acknowledge Christ openly, even when it's hard (v. 27).
- Praise God for His intimate knowledge and care for you (vv. 30-31).

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### **Session 10 — Week of February 8, 2026**

Read Matthew 11:1-6, 16-24, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Pray that you would trust Jesus even when circumstances are unclear (vv. 1-3).
- Ask God to help you recognize what He is doing in people's lives (vv. 4-6).
- Pray for those who are discouraged and feel imprisoned—physically, emotionally, or spiritually—that they would find hope in Christ (vv. 1-6).
- Pray for your community, workplace, or church—that hearts would turn toward God and respond to His invitation. (vv. 16-24)

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### **Session 11 — Week of February 15, 2026**

Read Matthew 12:1-14, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Seek God forgiveness for the times you've cared more about being "right" than kind (vv. 1-2).
- Pray for God's help to live with compassion and grace toward others (vv. 1-2).
- Ask God to give you courage to do right even when it is unpopular (v. 10).
- Ask God to protect your heart from becoming legalistic. Pray that both love and truth would be your guide, and that you would see people the way God does (v. 14).

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### **Session 12 — Week of February 22, 2026**

Read Matthew 13:24-30,36-43, then respond to these questions:

- How does God reveal Himself in these verses?
- How should I respond to what He reveals?

### **Pray**

- Ask God to help you trust His timing and His plan, even when you see evil growing alongside good (vv. 24-26).
- Pray for patience to wait for God's perfect judgment and not rush to uproot what you don't understand (vv. 27-30).
- Ask God to help you live faithfully, knowing that He will separate good from evil in His time (vv. 37-43).
- Pray for those who are entangled in weeds and lost, that God's truth would reach them and they may become part of His harvest (vv. 37-43).