

Reflection Questions: Have I been devoted to prayer this week? How much time have I spent in confession of my sins? As I meditate on Daniel's prayer, what examples or encouragements can I glean for my own prayer life? Am I praying Scripture as I read it?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Quotes to Ponder

*You don't need self-discipline to pray continuously;
you just need to be poor in spirit.*

*If you know that you, like Jesus, can't do life on your own, then prayer
makes complete sense.*

Paul Miller

You persevere in prayer...

when you desire God more than you desire the answer to your prayer.

Bill Thrasher

*Nothing sets a man more eagerly upon prayer than a deep sense of his
need of that which he is seeking at the Lord's hand.*

Charles Spurgeon

*Daniel's prayer reminds us that confession is always appropriate since the
Christian life is a life of repentance from beginning to end.*

Ray Pritchard

*Those who have left the deepest impression on this sin cursed earth have
been men and women of prayer.*

D.L. Moody

*A great part of my time is spent in getting my heart in tune for prayer, be-
cause prayer is the link that connects earth to heaven.*

Robert Murray M'Cheyne

*The first sign of true spiritual life is prayer. It is also the means of main-
taining spiritual life. Man can as well live physically without breathing as
spiritually without praying.*

Thomas Guthrie

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. What are the major elements of Daniel's prayer (*Daniel 9:4-19*)? What makes up the majority of the prayer? Why?
3. Since Daniel was such a righteous man, why does he identify himself with and confess the sins of his people as if he had committed them?
4. What do we learn about confession of sins and its importance in the following verses?

<i>Leviticus 26:40-42</i> —	<i>Psalms 51</i> —
<i>1 Kings 8:47-49</i> —	<i>Proverbs 28:13</i> —
<i>Ezra 9:5-15</i> —	<i>Acts 3:19</i> —
<i>Nehemiah 9:2-3</i> —	<i>James 4:8</i> —
<i>Psalms 32:5</i> —	<i>1 John 2:1</i> —
<i>Psalms 38:18</i> —	
5. What are some of the sins mentioned by Daniel that Israel had committed? Are we guilty of the same sins?
6. Read *Numbers 14:11-19*. How does Moses' prayer for his people compare or contrast with the prayer of Daniel in *Daniel 9*?
7. How does Daniel describe God in his prayer (*Daniel 9:4-19*)?
8. How did the Jews' conduct compare to that of God (*Daniel 9:7-9*)?
9. What conclusion did Daniel reach about God in *Daniel 9:14*?
10. What principles of prayer can we glean from Daniel's prayer?
11. What can we pray for ourselves and our church from the following verses from *Psalms 119*?

<i>Verse 12</i> —	<i>Verse 88</i> —
<i>Verse 19</i> —	<i>Verse 133</i> —
<i>Verse 27</i> —	<i>Verse 176</i> —
<i>Verse 36</i> —	