

*As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. 1 Samuel 12:23 (NIV)*

## **Start Praying**

**Do you want me to teach you how to pray? Do you have a passionate desire to learn how to pray? Will you do what is necessary so that you can learn how to become a person of prayer?** What is necessary for me to learn how to become a person of prayer? **That is a great question. What do you think is the answer to your question?** To learn how to pray I must begin praying. If I want you to teach me how to pray, I will come to meet with you in prayer. **That's right.** If I have a passionate desire to learn how to pray I will keep on meeting with you in prayer. My training in prayer will come minute by minute, day by day, month by month and year by year. If I want to become a person of prayer I will never give up. I will never quit. I will keep on moving forward with you. Staying with you in the classroom of prayer will determine if I will ever become a person of prayer. There is no quick and easy way to become a person of prayer. **That's right.**

**Do you want to be faithful in prayer? Will you keep on praying the prayers that you have been given to pray? Will you pray until your prayers have been heard and answered?** Yes, I want to be faithful in prayer. Yes, I will pray prayers that I have been given to pray. Yes, I will pray prayers until they are heard and answered. Your questions do overwhelm me. I have answered each one of them largely with a heart filled with faith. But, I've got to tell you, I have no idea of where to begin. **You want to know how to start praying?** Yes, I do. **That's a fair question, with an easy answer. Pick a time and a place every day to meet with me in prayer. Does that sound easy enough?** Yes, it does. **Don't be fooled. Your hardest challenge, at first, will be to start and then remain faithful to meet daily with me to pray. Do you have a special time and place for us to meet daily in prayer?** Yes, I do. **How about right here, right now? Will this work for you, day in and day out?** Yes, it will. **This will be great.**

**So, what are your first prayers?** I want to thank you for inviting me to pray. I want to thank you for being my teacher. I want to thank you for inviting me into your prayer classroom. I want to thank you for giving me prayers to pray. I want to thank you in advance for helping me to be faithful in prayer. I will pray the prayers you give me to pray. I will keep on praying with the power and strength that you give to me. I will learn all that you want to teach me, as I continue to meet with you in prayer. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, help me to be a person of prayer. Give me the desire to pray. Teach me to pray. Show me who and what to pray for. Help me to never give up in spite of circumstances I might see. Help me to pray through until I have an answer from you. Let's start now. Amen*

**Prayer***Failing To Pray For You*

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.

NIV 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Ceasing To Pray For You*

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.

ESV 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Ending My Prayers For You*

"As for me, I will certainly not sin against the LORD by ending my prayers for you. And I will continue to teach you what is good and right.

NLT 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Ceasing To Pray For You*

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.

NKJV 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Ceasing To Pray For You*

Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.

NRSV 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Praying For You*

"And neither will I walk off and leave you. That would be a sin against GOD! I'm staying right here at my post praying for you and teaching you the good and right way to live.

MSG 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Ceasing To Pray For You*

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

AMP 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Ending Prayers For You*

"As for me, I will certainly not sin against the Lord by ending my prayers for you; and I will continue to teach you those things which are good and right.

TLB 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Ceasing To Pray For You*

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

NASB 1 Samuel 12:23

**Prayer***Not Stop Praying For You*

I will surely not stop praying for you, because that would be sinning against the LORD. I will teach you what is good and right.

NCV 1 Samuel 12:23

# Failing To Pray For You

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Prayer** – 1 Samuel 12:23

**In Context:** Read 1 Samuel

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, help me to be a person of prayer. Give me the desire to pray. Teach me to pray. Show me who and what to pray for. Help me to never give up in spite of circumstances I might see. Help me to pray through until I have an answer from you. Let’s start now. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**What sometimes gets in the way and causes you to forget to pray?**

When has being too busy caused you to forget to pray?

When has being distracted by the things of this world caused you to forget to pray?

When has a delayed answer to your prayers discouraged you and caused you to stop praying?

**When has someone’s lack of progress discouraged you and caused you to stop praying for them?**

Why will sin cause you to lose your desire to pray and lead you to withdraw from the Lord?

**When have you disregarded circumstances, and continued to pray until you had an answer from the Lord?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Don’t give up, but continue to pray through difficult circumstances until you have an answer from the Lord.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith to continue to pray through to an answer no matter what you see in terms of progress or results.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are continuing to pray regardless of current results.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you pray the prayers that the Lord gives you to pray.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will pray the prayers that you give me to pray.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what prayers have you given me to pray today?*

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