

How To Pray Podcast: Praying God's Word

Welcome to our first podcast in the **How To Pray** series. Today we discuss the topic of how to go about **praying God's word**. Jane VanOsdol and Mary Kane discuss several ideas that will help you to develop the powerful habit of incorporating God's word into your daily prayers. Whether you've tried this before or you're new to the idea, you'll want to listen in for a few pointers on how to enrich your prayer life.

Thanks for joining us and please be sure to leave any ideas or suggestions you may have on praying God's word in the comment section below.

Listen here for an older, mp3 version of Praying God's Word:

Or watch the video below:

The Gifts of the Nativity Podcast



What can we learn from those God called to play a part in the birth of **Jesus**? Mary, the Magi, the shepherds, Joseph, and Jesus all have important gifts to give us as we seek to understand their roles in the story of the **Nativity**. Join Mary Kane and Jane VanOsdol of OnlyByPrayer.com as they explore The Gifts of the Nativity in today's **podcast**. Prepare your

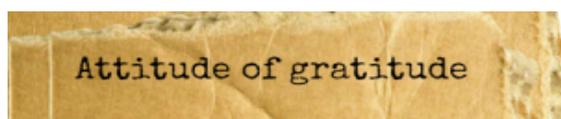
hearts for Christmas as you delve more deeply into the birth of Jesus. Be sure to download your free [viewer guide](#). This podcast is available as both an MP3 and in video format.

To listen to the MP3 audio version, click at the top of this post. To watch in video format, click below.

Simple Thanks: Session One

Attitude of Gratitude

“Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you. For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matthew 26:27



Jane and I welcome you to Week One of Simple Thanks! We are very excited to be with you during this journey into the simple thankfulness. In the weeks leading up to this study, we have been praying for you. Thank you for answering God's call; it is not an accident that you have joined this study. God is calling us to live fully in the moment. Life is a gift—rejoice and give thanks.

Introductory Video for Week One

Here is our short video with our Bible verse to introduce Week 1.

Here is our TalkShoe Webinar from week 1 if you missed the live call-in:

Weekly Homework

Each week we will add your assignments to a password-protected post. Look for the password every Tuesday evening in your email. Below you will find homework for each level of study. Feel free to change from Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 as your schedule allows! **Remember, there is no pressure to complete every activity. These are just options for your growth. They can be accessed at any time, even after the study ends.**



Level 1, Study: Weekly Goals

- For Week 1, watch *SESSION 1:Attitude of Gratitude, Ann's video.*
- Take time to notice and thank God for His simple gifts.
- Complete the study guide and *Between Sessions* homework PDFs.
- Start your 1000 Gifts List in a separate journal.
- Feel free to do any of the other activities from Levels 2 and 3 as your time allows.

Level 2, Community: Weekly Goals

- For Week 1 watch *SESSION 1:Attitude of Gratitude.*
- Take time to notice and thank God for His simple gifts.
- Complete the study guide and *between sessions* homework PDFs.
- Start your 1000 Gifts List in a separate journal.
- Answer the question on the *Speak Your Mind* comment section at the bottom of this post.
- Join the *Community Call*, Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

EST on Talk Shoe (Information on *TalkShoe* is in your weekly email.)

- Read [Thankfulness, the Way of Jesus](#) from the Soul Shepherding website.

Level 3, Opportunity: Weekly Goals

- For Week 1, watch *SESSION 1:Attitude of Gratitude*.
- Take time to notice and thank God for His simple gifts.
- Complete the study guide and *between sessions* homework PDFs.
- Answer the question on the *Speak Your Mind* comment section at the bottom of this post, join the *Community Call* on Wednesday night on *TalkShoe*, and listen to the *Podcast* at the link provided up above.
- Don't forget to check out our private [Facebook page](#). Leave your comments about this week's study, post your prayer requests, or share any insights/questions you may have. Only members of our Bible study group will see these posts.
- Start your 1000 Gifts List in a separate journal.
- In the evening, do devotions 1-5 in the *one thousand gifts devotional* journal.
- Read chapters 1-3 in *One Thousand Gifts trade book* by *Ann Voskamp*.
- Take advantage of the Extra Simple resources by clicking on the links below:

[From Grumbling to Gratitude](#)

Please take a few moments to worship and express your gratitude to God through music for His many blessing and gifts.

Questions of the Week (Please respond in the *Speak Your Mind* section at the very bottom of this page).

What simple gift are you most thankful for this week?

The Persecuted Church with Todd Daniels of International Christian Concern

On today's podcast I (Jane VanOsdol) welcome Todd Daniels, the regional manager for the **Middle East** for [International Christian Concern](#). With the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** (IDOP) coming up on November 3, 2013, we wanted to draw attention to this issue. Be sure to see the link below for your IDOP kit. The kit includes several resources to use for yourself, with a small group, or your church. You will even find a lesson for children in it.

In this podcast's session, we discuss several issues concerning the persecuted church, including the following topics:

- The scope of the problem of persecution
- Steps to take to make a difference to suffering Christians around the world
- How to pray for persecuted Christians

- Relevant scriptures
- Parts of the world where persecution exists

Resources

www.persecution.org

IDOP kit: <http://info.persecution.org/IDOP2013>

Save Our Sisters:
<http://www.persecution.org/assistance/save-our-sisters/>

Suffering Wives and Children:
<http://www.persecution.org/assistance/suffering-wives-and-children/>

<https://www.facebook.com/persecuted>

<https://twitter.com/persecutionnews>

The following organization is working with resettled Christians. It is a need, but a really challenging task:

<http://www.iraqichristianrelief.org/our-projects/>

Walking in Truth, Podcast #3: Created for Him!

Thank you for joining us in our **Colossians** series. Today Mary Kane and I (Jane VanOsdol) will be discussing Colossians 1:13-17. This session finds us exploring how we were each created for **God**. We also learn that God is involved in every

facet of our lives.



For such a small book of the **Bible**, Colossians is loaded with information. So, grab your Bible and a pen, and let's get started!

Feel free to pick up our [Viewer Guide](#) to get even more out of this podcast session. Some sessions also have additional resources available for download, which you will find on the Viewer Guide page.

We pray that this series blesses you. Feel free to add your comments and questions below.

Pray on!

Jane