

# How to Pray Scripture - A Primer

## Overview

**Praying Scripture is a powerful way of interceding that is modeled in the Bible and has been used by disciple makers around the world throughout history.** It helps us stay focused in prayer and powerfully connects us with God's heart and mind. A list of Scripture Prayer Tools is available for key passages for disciple makers and Disciple Making Movements.

## Getting Started

- **Select the applicable passage(s).** The Lord will lead each of us to specific Scripture to pray for our personal time with the Lord, but some passages are more applicable to disciple making than others. The Scripture Prayer Tools contain a growing list of passages that have proven to be key passages for disciple makers and disciple making movements around the world.
- **Recognize the context.** It is often helpful to read several verses before and after the passage. This ensures that our prayers align with what the Bible says. An overview is provided in each of the Scripture Prayer Tools that gives a brief context for each passage and additional insight.
- **Let the Holy Spirit lead you.** Prayer points are included after each verse, but ask the Holy Spirit what He specifically wants you to pray.

- **Turn the passage into a personal prayer.**

Example:

The Scripture: “He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,” (2 Timothy 1:9)

A prayer based on that Scripture: **You have saved the Mucubal people in Angola, and You have called them to live a holy life. You did this, not because Your children deserved it, but because it was Your plan from before the beginning of time - for the Mucubal, and all of us - out of Your grace given to us through Jesus Christ.**

- **Look for ways to obey the passage.** As you are praying, be sensitive to how the Holy Spirit might be leading you to obey and apply the passage to your life or circumstances.