

Chapter 1 : Devotions Daily, a Daily Devotional to Deepen Our Faith

Prayers for Priest and People, the Parish and the Home A Book of Services and Devotions for Clerical and Lay Workers by John Wright Manual of Select Catholic Hymns and Devotions For the Use of Schools, Colleges, Academies, and Congregations by P. M. Colonel.

Family Devotion – Memorization A Faithful Leader Christians I know are almost unanimous in believing that a regular family devotion is a good idea, but many have trouble consistently practicing it. There are many resources and ideas for family devotions, but most are generally ineffective. The key is not picking the right resource, but having a passionate leader that will commit to this family practice. The father is to be that leader. If he is committed to the idea and makes it a priority, it will work. Men can do anything if they are committed and passionate. The tools and ideas are out there, but the best tool can do nothing if not used by a committed workman. If a father does not have the commitment and passion to train his family, he needs to assess his own character and heart before attempting to lead his family. If Jesus is His Lord, and a man loves Christ dearly, he will have no trouble wanting to share his love, experience, understanding, and passion with his family. Such a dad may fail initially in his method, but will be determined to continue working with his family until his family is effectively understanding and sharing the zeal the father has. Teach These Words Diligently A father may be committed to Christ himself and see that his wife and children are fully committed and therefore think a regular family devotion time is unnecessary. Some fathers see these instructions in Deuteronomy 6: I agree that if someone is teaching each child throughout the day, it may be unnecessary to come together for a dedicated time of formal teaching. But surely such a family would relish the opportunity to come together and sing praise to God, to lift their voice to Him in prayer, and to joyfully list for all family members the wonderful things the Lord had done that day. Such a family would delight in a dedicated time of reading scripture and prayer, making daily family devotion a necessity driven by their shared joy. The key is diligence – family devotion cannot be a simple convenience or of a low priority that is easily displaced by other trivial activities. Getting Started Fathers who are committed to family devotions and ready to start are in one of two situations. He may have only a wife or a wife and infant children – or he may have older children already settled into a lifestyle without family devotions. Starting in a family with only very young children is obviously easier. Time spent in the evening reading books or watching videos or simply playing can be easily adjusted to read the Bible, sing, and pray. Young children will delight in this. He needs to prepare his family days before beginning. If his zeal, gentleness, lovingkindness, and other spiritual fruit are evident, the kids will be ready to participate. If you are not in the habit of reading together as a family, dad can initiate that with some other classic book and more easily wean the kids from TV, videogames, and other individualistic forms of entertainment. But if dad is not committed and excited, the kids will see only hypocrisy in his desire to teach them and the family devotion will fail. So we need to hear His word daily and in rather large doses. A verse or two every day is not enough. Dad can read all the scripture or the family can take turns. Dad may want to have a study bible for his reading. See Family Devotion – Scripture for more ideas. See Simple Bible Reading Plan for a simple yet thorough plan every member of the family can use to start their personal daily reading. These include short biographies of missionaries or others impacted by scripture, topical studies in Proverbs or the Gospels, and catechism reading and study. Since these are paraphrases and usually omit long passages of scripture, these should not be used extensively. Family Devotion – Topics covers this more fully with suggestions on reading Proverbs and Revelation with your family. Ideas for devotions on baptism and overcoming worry are also available. The readings and sermon texts can be read, Dad can summarize the teaching and children can ask questions and discuss. As your children mature, they should take notes in the church services and share those notes in this family devotion time. What To Do – Prayer After a period of study and discussion, the family should pray. Then various petitions can be made. These can be for needs mentioned in church the week before, for personal family needs, and other concerns such as neighbors, missions, etc. See Family Devotion – Prayer for more details. What To Do – Memorization In addition to regular reading, the family should work together on memorizing passages of scripture. Memorize a phrase or

sentence, making sure not to start the next phrase until everyone has the current phrase well memorized. To start memorization of a phrase, the first day dad reads it twice then reads it a few words at a time letting the family repeat those words. The next day the few words at a time are read and repeated back, two or three times. This continues for a couple more days. Then on the 4th or 5th day, Dad reads the whole phrase and the family attempts to say it back, again two or three times. By the 6th or 7th day, the phrase should be memorized. After the first phrase is memorized, the next phrase is started. All previous phrases in the passage should be repeated each day. After the passage is completely memorized, it should be repeated in its entirety once a week for 2 months. We do this during the drive to church Sunday mornings. After the 2 months is done, the passage should be repeated in its entirety about every 3 weeks. See Family Devotion "Memorization for more ideas and suggestions for scriptures to start with. If your family is musical, singing may be a good way to start devotions as all will enjoy it. If you are not a musical family, singing can wait. Eventually, you will hopefully want to sing together as a family. You may choose to start your daily devotion time with a song or end with a song. You can pick up a standard hymnal at many used book stores and start by singing those with familiar tunes. Our family has enjoyed singing the psalms many of which are set to classic, familiar hymn tunes. Resources All you need is dedication and a Bible. We recommend these other resources as well. These are not gimmicks but have proven useful to us over time. The Bible Atlas is also recommended to show the context of various passages. This helps draw together various biblical truths. These two books are excellent resources. The first is highly recommended. Training Hearts, Teaching Minds provides a 5 day study for each of the questions of the Shorter Catechism There is one or more scripture readings for each day and a paragraph or two of discussion. You can do several passages at once, not having to wait 5 days for each question. Really a splendid resource. Small Talks on Big Questions considers several questions from the Childrens Catechism in each section. A scripture passage is paraphrased and a story is told of a historical event or person that illustrates the truth of the catechism questions considered. Not as complete theologically as Training Hearts but effective for children who love great stories. Great for very young children. These books can be read in addition to actual Bible passages. You should not rely on these extensively for your devotion as they are abridged stories based on the Bible and not the Word of God itself. A helpful resource for any Christian that can be used to focus on various areas during your family studies. Wise Words is a collection of 18 original stories. Each is like a fable that has a moral based on a principle from Proverbs. Some of the stories have more mature subject matter and are suitable for children ages 10 and up. Our 24 Family Ways stresses character, relationship, and attitude topics.

Chapter 2 : Daily Bible Devotions and Christian Devotionals

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Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. There was a new Christian scandal, which surfaced in the United States a few years ago. The president of conservative Hillsdale College in Michigan resigned. He resigned after his daughter-in-law confessed a 19 year long affair. She has since committed suicide. It is shocking and at the same time so very sad for this family and for this college. This scandal is only the most recent of a continuing saga of well-known Christians to have their immoralities publicly exposed. Billy Graham has done some research, which reportedly shows at least 90 percent of Christians in the US are living defeated spiritual lives. The scandal at Hillsdale is shocking but does it really surprise us? It should serve as a warning of our own human weakness and fallibility. Most likely this includes some of us and if so how long before we crash and burn as well? We must be constantly vigilant of our own spiritual condition. We must be constantly alert against the advances of the world into our lives. We must make a stand. We must put on the full armor of God Ephesians 6: We must take full advantage of all the resources of God Jesus - Philippians 4: We must not neglect the Word, prayer, and the church. To do so is to invite spiritual disaster. To say that we are not susceptible is spiritual pride. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. I suppose the only issue I have with these words is that conservative implies Christian. It emphasized political conservatism more than following Jesus.

Chapter 3 : Back to the Bible

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What is the 40 Days of Prayer and Devotional Study? This preparation begins with church members who are willing to commit to 40 days of prayer and devotional study in order to develop a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and reach out to five 5 individuals who the Lord has put on their heart to pray for every day for 40 days. There is great power in united prayer. There is also encouragement and spiritual strength found in Christian fellowship. Because of these truths it is suggested that the participants find a prayer partner to fellowship with and pray together with either on the phone or in person every day during the 40 days of prayer and study. In order to get the greatest benefit from this 40 day emphasis it is recommended that each participant find several individuals to join together with in using the 40 Days devotional and prayer book. It would be well for the participants to meet weekly as a group to share and pray together. As mentioned above, each participant needs to choose one in the group to become their daily fellowship prayer partner. Each participant in the group needs to do the same in order to receive the greatest blessings during the 40 days. The 40 Days devotional studies are divided into five sections with eight devotionals in each section. The five sections are: The 5 individuals chosen to put on the participants prayer list may be family members, friends, co-workers, etc. During the 40 days the participants are to pray for those on their prayer list every day. It is suggested they also prayerfully use the Activities that Show You Care Appendix B list in the Appendix to determine what the Lord wants them to do to reach out to those on their prayer list. Appendix C is a Suggested Greeting to use when they call those on their prayer list to inform them they will be praying for them during the next 40 days. When they call they are to ask them what they want them to pray for in their behalf. Prayer is the most powerful force on earth. It is the secret of spiritual power. No other means of grace can be substituted, and the health of the soul be preserved. Prayer brings the heart into immediate contact with the Well-spring of life, and strengthens the sinew and muscle of the religious experience. Neglect the exercise of prayer, or engage in prayer spasmodically, now and then, as seems convenient, and you lose your hold on God. The spiritual faculties lose their vitality, the religious experience lacks health and vigor. It is not your work, but the work of Christ who is by your side, that impresses hearts. God will bless these efforts when the participants pray for and work for those on their prayer list. He will not only use them to win others to Christ; He will also draw the participants closer to Himself. Ellen White understood this double blessing when she wrote: Begin now to reach higher and still higher. Prize the things of heaven above earthly attractions and inducements. Learn how to pray; learn how to bear a clear and intelligent testimony, and God will be glorified in you. In cooperation with their self-sacrificing efforts Jesus will move upon hearts, working miracles in the conversion of souls. This section gives a suggested prayer focus for the day, and incorporates Bible verses to include in the participants prayer. After His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples that they were to wait to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit before they went forth to proclaim the gospel to the world. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: Even though they had spent the past three and a half years daily with Christ, and had seen and participated in a ministry of miracles they were not ready to witness for Him. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. The participant will have opportunity to better understand the biblical teaching on the baptism of the Holy Spirit as well as enter more fully into this Spirit filled experience. By choosing to participate in the 40 days of study and prayer each participant will be entering into an amazing and blessed adventure with the Lord. They will experience a deeper relationship with Christ, and will see the Lord use them to draw others closer to Himself in preparation for His soon return. As they fellowship with their prayer

partner, and the others participating in the 40 days they will experience a deeper Christian love and unity with their fellow believers, which will also play an important role in their personal spiritual growth. In order to get the most from the 40 Days of study and prayer it is recommended that this be the first thing each participant does in the morning. It may require rising a little earlier, but the effort will be richly rewarded. If they ask the Lord to wake them so they can have some quality time with Him, He will hear and answer their prayer. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others. His words were given Him fresh from the heavenly courts, words that He might speak in season to the weary and oppressed. He very much desires to anoint each of us with His Spirit in preparation for each new day. Two other suggestions can help to increase the benefit of the 40 days program. First, it can be suggested that the participants choose to fast during the 40 day period. This is not a complete fast, but can include eliminating sweets, cutting out one meal per day, etc. It can also be suggested that they fast from all unnecessary secular activities such as secular TV religious programs are acceptable, secular music, surfing the internet, computer games, etc. Those who choose to fast in this manner will receive an even greater benefit from the 40 days. Secondly, it is suggested that meetings be held at the church each night for the first 5 - 7 nights of the 40 day program. This allows the participants to begin fellowshiping together. I think you can see the impact this 40 day emphasis will have on your church members who participate, as well as on the entire church.

Chapter 4 : My manual of private devotions, etc. (Book,) [theinnatdunvilla.com]

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Chapter 5 : [A New Manual of Devotions The twenty-fourth edition, corrected.]. (Book,) [theinnatdunvilla.com]

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Open Heavens 19 September Wednesday Daily Devotional by Pastor E A Adeboye - The Window of the Heart Topic: The Window of the Heart (Open Heavens 19 September) Memorise: "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."-