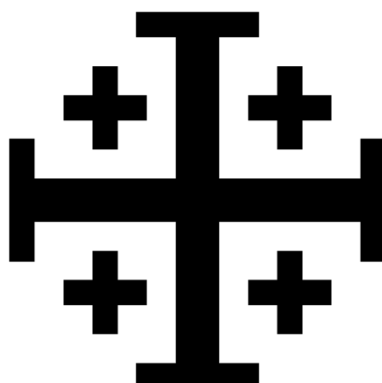


**DRAW**  **NEAR**

**Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

*Hebrews 4.16*

## Welcome

The Bible calls us to ‘draw near’ to God. A great way to do that is to spend time each day (or when you can) **reading**, **reflecting** on and **responding** to God’s word.

### *Read*

To *read* you will need a Bible and a Bible reading plan. Your plan could just be ‘read a chapter of the New Testament each time’. Or you could use the starter plan on the back page of this booklet. For additional plans, visit [organised.church](http://organised.church), or search ‘Navigators Bible Reading Plans’ or ‘Ligonier Bible Reading Plans’.

### *Reflect*

To help you *reflect*, this resource provides four questions based on 2 Timothy 3.16-17: ‘All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **training** in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.’ Consider using a notebook to record your answers to these questions. It’s OK if you can’t answer every question every time.

### *Respond*

After reading and reflecting on God’s word, you should *respond* in prayer. If nothing else, you can pray the Lord’s Prayer. If you want to go further, think about one thing you could pray in response to what you’ve just read (e.g. praise, confession of sin or asking God to help you live his way). You can also use the spaces provided (next to the Lord’s Prayer) to note other things about which you want to pray, e.g.:

- ✠ The names of people you want to turn to Jesus.
- ✠ Prayer points from your church or small group.
- ✠ Missionaries or other gospel workers you support.
- ✠ People experiencing sickness, sorrow or suffering.

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# DRAW NEAR

**Read** *Pray this prayer and then read from the Bible according to your Bible reading plan. If you aren't using a Bible reading plan, read one chapter of the New Testament.*

LORD, your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, As I read it now, may it teach, reprove, correct and train me, so that I will be complete and equipped for every good work, by the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Reflect** *Think about what you have read using the questions below. If your Bible reading plan includes more than one reading, you can choose one reading for this reflection.*

- Teach*      What do I learn / of what am I reminded in this reading?
- Reprove*    Does this reading challenge my behaviour in any way?
- Correct*    Does this reading challenge my thinking in any way?
- Train*      What can I do or pray about in response to this reading?

**Respond** *Pray about what God is saying to you in his word. You may also pray about other matters you may list in the spaces provided. Begin or conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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## Starter Bible Reading Plan

This plan is designed to help new or out-of-practice Bible readers start reading the New Testament over forty days or sessions (e.g. you could read one reading each weekday for eight weeks). If that doesn't suit you, just complete the readings at your own pace, marking the boxes to track your progress. When you finish, you can move on to another plan (see the 'Welcome' section of this booklet).

The readings for this plan come from these five books of the New Testament:

- ✠ Mark: One of the four Gospels about the earthly ministry of Jesus.
- ✠ Acts: Follows the early church as it begins to tell the world about Jesus.
- ✠ Ephesians: One of the Apostle Paul's letters to followers of Jesus.
- ✠ 1 John: One of the Apostle John's letters to followers of Jesus.
- ✠ Revelation: A vision of the 'last days', especially the return of Jesus.

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