Daily Reading Plan
Matthew 7:7-12

Jesus invites His followers to depend on their heavenly Father through prayer, trust His goodness, and treat others with the same love and care they desire for themselves.

Monday | November 30, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:7-12

Explain: Jesus encourages His followers to ask, seek, and knock. These commands emphasize an ongoing dependence on God through prayer. We are invited to bring our needs, questions, and concerns to Him because He welcomes us into a relationship with Himself.

Prayer is not about persuading a reluctant God to care. It is about trusting Him enough to keep coming to Him.

Apply: What have you been hesitant to bring to God in prayer? Be honest with Him about your needs and continue seeking His help, even when the answer does not come as quickly as you hoped.

Respond: Ask the Lord to teach you to trust His care and keep praying even when you do not understand His timing.

Tuesday | December 1, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:7-12

Explain: Seeking involves more than asking God to give us what we want. It means pursuing Him, desiring His wisdom, and seeking to understand His will.

Sometimes our greatest need is not a change in our circumstances but a deeper relationship with God and a clearer understanding of how He wants us to live.

Apply: Consider what has been receiving most of your attention lately. Make time today to seek God through Scripture and prayer, asking Him to shape your desires around His purposes.

Respond: Ask the Lord to shape your desires, guide your decisions, and help you want what honors Him.

Wednesday | December 2, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 7:7-12

Explain: Knocking pictures persistence. Jesus encourages His followers not to give up in seeking God. Waiting can be difficult, especially when we are praying about a serious need or an uncertain situation.

Persistence in prayer does not guarantee that God will give us exactly what we request. It expresses our continuing faith in Him, even when His answers differ from our expectations.

Apply: Think of an area where you have become discouraged in prayer. Continue bringing that concern to God while remaining open to His direction and timing.

Respond: Ask God to strengthen your faith when waiting is difficult and help you persevere in prayer and trust His wisdom even when you can’t see what He is doing.

Thursday | December 3, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 7:7-12

Explain: Jesus points to the relationship between earthly fathers and their children. Even imperfect parents generally desire to give good things to their children. How much more can we trust our perfect heavenly Father to act according to His goodness?

God does not promise to give us everything we want. He promises that His character is good, and we can trust Him even when His answers are different from what we expected.

Apply: When God does not answer a prayer the way you hoped, remember what Scripture teaches about His character. Ask Him to help you trust His goodness rather than judging His care by your circumstances.

Respond: Ask God for help to trust that He knows what is best, even when the answers are different from what you desire.

Friday | December 4, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:7-12

Explain: Jesus reminds His followers that the Father gives good things to those who ask Him. His gifts may include provision, wisdom, strength, encouragement, and opportunities to grow in faith.

God's goodness should lead us to gratitude rather than entitlement. We can bring our requests to Him while remaining thankful for the ways He already provides.

Apply: Take time to recognize the good things God has placed in your life. Thank Him for specific ways He has provided, guided, strengthened, or encouraged you.

Respond: Ask God to open your eyes to His goodness in your daily life and to give you a thankful heart.

Saturday | December 5, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:7-12

Explain: Jesus concludes this section with what is often called the Golden Rule: “Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them.”

Our relationship with God should shape how we treat people. Instead of simply avoiding harm, Jesus calls us to take positive steps to show kindness, fairness, compassion, and respect.

This principle summarizes an important part of what God teaches throughout His Word about loving our neighbors.

Apply: Think of someone you will interact with today. What would it look like to treat that person with the kindness, patience, respect, or understanding you would want to receive? Take one intentional step to put the Golden Rule into practice.

Respond: Ask God to help you treat others with the love and consideration you desire for yourself.

Sunday | December 6, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:7-12

Keep seeking your heavenly Father, trust His goodness, and let your relationship with Him change the way you treat others.

This week, identify one specific need to bring consistently to God in prayer and one practical way to live out the Golden Rule. Remember that genuine faith is expressed both in how we depend on God and in how we love people.