

Prayer - as We Begin This Holy Sunday, Our Father, May

by J.R. Miller

This sermon emphasizes the importance of receiving God's blessing and renewal in our lives, particularly on Sundays, to rise to a holier, truer, and heavenlier life.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31, Philippians 4:6

Topics: "Spiritual Renewal", "Prayer"

Description

J.R. Miller emphasizes the significance of prayer and spiritual renewal on this holy Sunday, asking for blessings in worship and the strength to live a life reflective of Christ's resurrection. He prays for the empowerment of worshippers, teachers, and missionaries, urging them to leave worldly concerns behind and embrace divine influences. Miller expresses gratitude for the day's grace and the renewal of strength received through worship, encouraging believers to carry the lessons learned into the week ahead. He highlights the importance of love, peace, and support within families and communities, trusting in God's guidance for the future.

Transcript

As we begin this holy Sunday, our Father, may You give us indeed a Sunday blessing. On this day which reminds us of our Savior's rising from the grave -- may we rise anew to a holier, truer, and heavenlier life. May we walk in the sunshine of Your own love. As we wait upon You, may You renew our strength so that we may be able to run without being weary, and to walk without being faint, on the week-days which lie before us.

We ask that You will bless us in our private and public worship on this holy Sunday. May Your blessing rest upon all worshiping assemblies of Your people. May this be a day of spiritual renewal in all the churches. Bless all Sunday schools. May Your grace fill the heart of every teacher; and may every child that receives instruction, be blessed through Your holy word. Bless all of Your missionaries, and fill them with Your Holy Spirit, to fit them for worthy service.

We pray that You will bless us in our worship today. Help us to leave behind every worldly thought and care, as we enter Your sanctuary. As we wait before You, may we receive instruction from Your word and inspiration from Your Spirit, so that we may be strong for battle and for duty. Help us today in our ministering to others. May we be enabled in our own home to give to each other the blessing of love and

peace. Help us to carry . . .

comfort to some sorrowing one,

cheer to one who is discouraged, and

sympathy to one who is in distress.

We give ourselves to You for a Sunday of blessing, love, and peace. May our home receive new divine influences from above. May this be a shining day in the story of our lives. And we will give the praise and the honor to You forever. Amen.

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SUNDAY EVENING

We thank You, O God, for this blessed day. It opened with grace, and grace has brightened all its sacred hours. We have seen Your face, and our hearts have been made to rejoice. We have waited upon You, and You have renewed our strength. We went to Your sanctuary, and You met us there and blessed us. We prayed to You, and You came near to us in love, breathing Your own life into our souls.

Sanctify to us all the lessons and influences of the day. Help us to remember the words You have spoken to us. May we carry in our hearts -- new impulses, warmer desires, heavenlier aspirations, from Sunday's devotions. May we be stronger for duty, more brave and heroic for struggle, gentler-hearted, with tenderer sympathies, and sweeter affections -- because today we have seen You.

Bless to all Your people everywhere, Sunday's rest and worship. May good follow every sermon preached, every lesson taught in the Sunday school, and every holy word spoken in public or in private. May Your people be strengthened in their faith, may their love be increased, and may their zeal be more fervent -- because of this day's ministrations of Your word.

We plead now for special grace to fit us for the work of the week that lies before us. We cannot forecast even one day. What the future, even the nearest future, has in store for us -- we cannot tell. But You know, and we will go on into the unopened hours without fear. All will be well, because You will lead us, and we are not afraid to trust You. Choose the path for us. We would not choose for ourselves, if we might, for Your knowledge is so much better than ours. So we commit all to You, and we will go on in Your name. Amen.

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