

## PRAYING SCRIPTURE

Scripture not only teaches us truths about God, but gives us opportunities to pray those truths back to God in worship to Him. When we don't know what to pray, Scripture can give us guidance and a fresh perspective on having a conversation with God.

### **Ways you can pray Scripture:**

- Choose a psalm to pray. The psalms teach us how to thank and praise God, to ask His forgiveness, to bring our laments to Him, and to make requests.
- Use the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 as a model.
- If you are reading a biblical narrative in your quiet time with the Lord, ask, "What is this story revealing that's true about God?" Then take time to thank God for that particular characteristic and how He's shown Himself to you in that way.
- If you are reading the New Testament letters and a particular behavior is affirmed, ask God to cultivate that behavior in your life. If a particular behavior is condemned, ask God to remove it from your life.
- Pray Scripture for others. As you hear about struggles your friends or family may be facing, seek appropriate Scriptures that pertain to those issues and pray that the truths of those Scripture passages would be seen, felt, and made true in the lives of others.