

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

DAILY PRAYERS

READERS THEATER

Characters: Narrator, Someone Praying

FYI: The narrator simply sets the scene and sequence of the day.

Narrator: This might be a typical day of prayer for one of God's children. It's very early in the morning.

Praying: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Good morning, Lord. It's really early, and I have to get ready for school. Thank You for the night, although it was too short. Be with me this day as I go to school. Amen.

Narrator: It's time for breakfast!

Praying: Thank You, Lord, for this food. Amen. Oh, and please be with my mom and dad as they go to work. Amen.

Narrator: At school.

Praying: Dear Lord, thank You for all my friends. I'm really having trouble with one of them. If it is Your will, give me a chance to really talk to her. I need Your help. I don't know what to say. Amen.

Narrator: At school and guess what? The teacher is throwing a pop quiz.

Praying: Dear God, help! Amen.

Narrator: Now it's time for lunch.

Praying: Dear Lord, thank You for this food and . . . wait! Oh, hi guys! Come sit over here.

Narrator: Later that day.

Praying: Dear God, I am so frustrated right now. I didn't deserve that! Help me not to be so angry. Oooh. I just can't help it! And then we just found out that our coach has cancer. Please don't let him die. Please make him better if it is Your will. Amen.

Narrator: It's time for supper.

Praying: Come, Lord Jesus. Be our guest, and let Your gifts to us be blest. Amen.

Narrator: It's time for homework.

Praying: Oh, Lord. Why do they give us so much homework? I can't make it without You. Oh, and please be with our coach. Amen.

Narrator: It's time for bed.

Praying: Dear God, thank You for this day. Thank You for keeping me safe, and please keep me and my family safe tonight. And please keep safe all of

those, like my dad, who are keeping us safe while we sleep. I'm sorry for all the bad things I did today. Forgive me for not really praying to You at lunch today. Forgive me for the bad words I used when I was, well, You know. And please, please be with our coach. I know You can do all things. Please cure him, Jesus. And finally, thank You for my family and for loving me for who I am. I'm really, really sleepy now, Lord. I know I have so much more to pray for . . . but I'm falling asleep. . . . In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Good night, Jesus.

Narrator: Good night.

DISCUSSION

List the kinds of things God's people may include in prayer in a typical day. Thanksgiving to God for food and the other blessings of life, for help in the challenges of each day, for the needs of others, for forgiveness.

Why is it a good practice to begin and end each day in prayer? Prayer at the beginning and at the end of each day reminds us that we depend constantly on our God and Savior for our every physical and spiritual need. In Him, we live. It is a privilege to communicate with our God and Savior regularly and constantly.