

**“The Prayer of Daniel”
(Daniel 9:1-19)**

As Daniel realizes the time of deliverance from Babylon is approaching, he extends a heartfelt cry to God for forgiveness and restoration. This prayer is a model for us and shows the vital link between effective prayer and the . . .

Reading of the Word of God (1-2)

- **The Time (1)**
- **The Text (2)**

Repentance of Sin Against God (3-6)

- **Daniel’s Conviction (3)**
- **Daniel’s Confession (4-6)**

Recognition of Righteousness of God (7-14)

- **Contrast in Character (7-10)**
- **Consequences of Covenant (11-14)**

Request for Mercy of God (15-19)

- **For Removal of God’s Wrath (15-16)**
- **For Restoration of God’s Favor (17-19)**

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share about something you are looking forward to, e.g., an event, completion of task, new season...whatever!

Questions

1. How did Daniel’s study of God’s Word impact his prayer life? How should the warning of Proverbs 28:9 impact our prayer lives?
2. How would you explain the promise of John 15:7 to a new believer?
3. Why is confession of sin so important for prayer? Should we ever confess sin for a larger group like family, church or country?
4. Daniel had an awareness of God’s prophetic timetable for his day. What should we be aware of and alert to in our day?
5. Why is Daniel’s awareness of the covenant (“Law of Moses”) so important as he prays? (consider verses 4, 11, 13)
6. Daniel makes reference to God’s deliverance from Egypt (v 15). Share something God has done in the past that gives you confidence in your present prayer life.
7. How does Daniel show us that our motive as we pray should be our desire for God’s glory and reputation? (consider verses 15-19)

Small Group Prayer

Use Daniel’s prayer as a model by beginning with confession and praise first, and then present requests to God.