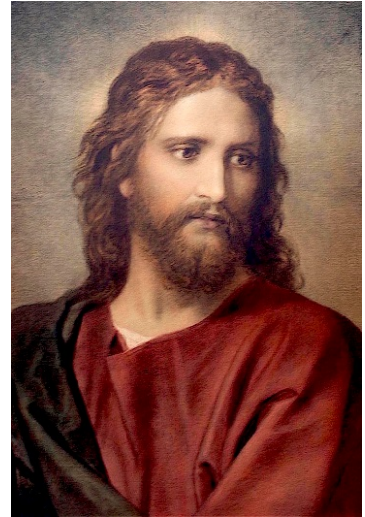


Dear Friend in Christ,

We are very excited to provide you with an initiative entitled “**Going Deeper in Prayer.**” The essence of this initiative is to pray with a passage of Scripture each day. *Praying with Scripture* each day allows for an encounter with Jesus, leading to conversation with Him that becomes more personal.

Isn't it true that each of us needs to become more committed to speaking with Our Lord on a daily basis? Being intentional about choosing a time for prayer each day and then being dedicated in order to deepen your relationship with Jesus is the path to true happiness (joy) and peace.

The ***Praying with Scripture*** prayer card can be downloaded from the website and inserted into a plastic sleeve to protect it. Go to diolc.org/deeper



Resources for *Praying with Scripture*

The following **Resources** are provided at diolc.org/deeper for further details of this way of ***Praying with Scripture***:

- A simple introduction about God's love
- Why pray with Scripture each day
- Learning the Principles
- An explanation on how to pray with a Scripture passage using the prayer worksheet at diolc.org/deeper
- Spiritual Comprehension
- Encountering God in Prayer
- Key Church documents that encourage us to pray with Scripture
- Sacred Art that depicts this way of praying with Scripture
- The Scriptural Foundation

The following truths underlie any formation in prayer:

1. *The Person of Christ desires that you develop a friendship with Him.* This relationship is prayer. It is necessary to learn about Jesus, but even more importantly, you want to encounter and develop a friendship with the Person of Christ through personal and communal prayer.

Introductory Information for *Praying with Scripture*

2. *It is also necessary to learn how to pray.* “Like a wise teacher Jesus takes hold of you where you are and leads you progressively toward the Father.” (CCC 2607). *Jesus will teach you how to pray!*

3. *The Holy Spirit dwells within you and guides you in prayer!* “The Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer” (CCC 2672). The Holy Spirit will help and guide you to develop/deepen your daily habit of prayer. If you ask, He will even give you the desire to pray.

