



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: **Matthew 6**

Title: **Do Not Worry**

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Summary of Chapter

Jesus teaches us about the correct posture of our hearts and warn us about hypocrisy in giving to the needy, in prayers, and in fasting. He exhorts us not to store up treasures on earth but in heaven. He teaches us not to worry about the needs of life, because our heavenly Father will provide for us as we put Him first.

Key Verse(s) NLT

How does it speak to me?

*<sup>25</sup> "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?" <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? <sup>27</sup> Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?*

One of the struggles I had before resigning from my corporate career to serve God full-time, was the worry of provision for my family. Living in one of the most expensive cities in the world, and being in the sandwich generation, I was worried about providing for my parent and children. I took some time to pray, sought godly counsel, and asked God for confirmation in my calling. Our faithful God ministered to me through His Word and assured me with His peace. Looking back today, all my worries were unwarranted. We are never in any lack, and God has blessed us and provided for all our needs in His most amazing ways. Nevertheless, this is an on-going faith journey. But worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace. Be encouraged that we are more valuable than the birds and lilies, and our heavenly Father will provide for us as we put Him first.

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:

What are the worries in your life right now? How can you surrender these to God knowing that He cares for you?

Youth:

Are you worried about catching up with your studies during this home-based learning period? What are some of the practical steps you can do the ease your anxiety?

Child:

What do you worry about the most? Why don't we need to worry?

Watch: <https://bit.ly/30XJPKX>

Indeed, we can trust God to take care of us and our family.

Craft Idea: <https://bit.ly/2YBtusw>

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word. We know we are precious in Your sight, and we want to cast all our worries onto You. Forgive our weakness and grant us faith to trust You. Pour out Your peace into our hearts and help us in our situation. We want to see Your mighty hands amid our challenges. Let our faith be contagious to our children. We give You all the praise, and all the glory, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer:

I/We thank you for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer:

I/We want to pray for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer:

I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones \_\_\_\_\_ (add one name per day).  
In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.