

## God Is My Pilot

**LTS: Listen to The Scriptures - Your Weekly Inspiration based on The Word of God**

**Matthew 6:9-13. New International Version (NIV) from the Bible Gateway: [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)**

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

This weekend we celebrate Veteran’s Day in the USA. The actual date is November 11<sup>th</sup> and it was originally called “Armistice Day” to honor the end of WWI and all WWI Veterans. Millions were fighting across Europe and an easy to communicate and remember time to stop the shooting needed to be chosen; so the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month was chosen. That’s where the phrase “*The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour*” originated. For years WWI was called “*the war to end all wars*” and November 11<sup>th</sup> was Armistice Day. When WWII and the Holocaust happened we learned that wars had not ended. And so, 11/11 was renamed *Veteran’s Day* in honor of all those who have served.

One famous WWII movie about a pilot was named “*God Is My Co-pilot*” implying that God flew next to him and took over in emergencies. I love to listen to Fr. Cedric’s “*Live With Passion*” TV show (see link to left in list of TV shows on this page on website) and in a recent show he commented that if God is your Co-pilot switch seats. Too many of us only reach out to and rely on God when we face an emergency or other dire crisis in our lives. If we let God be our Pilot we could avoid many of those emergencies in the first place, and be better prepared for any crisis.

Here are some thoughts on how to let God take over and be the Pilot in your life. First, and most obvious, don’t just reach out to God when you need Him to solve a problem. Start with God in your life every day. And end with God before bed. Of course, I am referring to prayer. Prayer is not just for times of trouble and Sunday Services. To let God be your Pilot you must pray every day. And prayer should not just be a one-way street where you ask God for a litany of requests.

To let God fly, you must communicate with Him. Don’t just constantly ask for more blessings and gifts. Take time to give thanks for those blessings and gifts He has already bestowed upon you. Having trouble seeing them? Open your eyes and look harder. Don’t fixate on your neighbor’s new car, instead ponder the many people around the world that don’t have any food or shelter. Ponder all those who serve far away from home in Harm’s Way to keep you warm, fed and free.

Perhaps the most important way to make God your Pilot is not to always talk, but to Listen. God will communicate with us in many subtle ways. Open your mind, your heart and your head and Listen to what He is telling you. Pay attention to the little signs, the sudden opportunities, the seemingly insignificant coincidences. There are no coincidences. Listen to what God is telling you.

Before He gets out the 2 by 4 to get your attention. Swaps seats. Listen and let God be your Pilot. And this weekend please say a special prayer for all those who serve and ask God to end all wars!

**Please share this website with family and friends in need of God’s Help!**

**[www.JesusCanHelp.us](http://www.JesusCanHelp.us)**

PS. Click the Bible Study Resources Tab and use the Bible Gateway to see how passages are translated in different versions of the Bible.