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*Daniel 6:10 (NIV)*

## **Time And Place**

Here I am Lord. This is the time. This is the place. **What do you mean by saying this is the time and this is the place.?** I have always wanted to meet with you in prayer. I always thought that I would develop a regular, daily pattern of meeting in prayer with you. **What happened?** Nothing, happened. I had good intentions. Every day I thought that some time would open up and we would be able to talk together in prayer. But, time never opened up. The demands and busyness of life filled up every moment of my day. There was never a good time to meet with you in prayer. **I noticed. That's not good.** I agree. That is why I am saying now is the time and this is the place when and where I will set aside to meet with you in prayer. I'm making meeting with you in prayer a priority in my life. Let me correct that statement. **Go ahead.** I am making meet with you in prayer the priority of my life. **Why is that?** I have no higher priority than to live in an intimate relationship with you. I want to talk with you. I want to listen to you. I want to live my life in a constant dialogue of prayer with you. **That will be very good.**

**What do you want to talk about?** That's not where I really want to start in prayer. **Where do you want to start in prayer?** I want to start by listening to you. I want to hear your voice. I want to receive your guidance. I want to follow your instruction. I want to sit at your feet. I want to rest in your presence. **This is a good place to start in prayer.** I have no doubt about that. What do you want to say to me? **It pleases me that you want to live in an intimate relationship with me. It brings joy to my heart to know that you are making your relationship with me the priority of your life. You will have what you want.** What's that? **You want to live in an intimate relationship with me. You want to live your life in a constant dialogue of prayer with me.** Yes, that's right. **Keep on coming to me. Keep on drawing near to me. Keep on praying to me in all the circumstances of life. Keep on seeking me with all your heart and mind and soul and strength then you will live and walk in an intimate relationship with me. Then I will lead you through all the difficult circumstances of life.** I will keep praying to you. I will keep on seeking you. We will continue to meet in our time and place. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, help me to develop a daily pattern of prayer that will continue through all the circumstances of life. Thank you, that I can pray to you today, tomorrow and all the next days of my life. I will ask for your help now and every day in the future as I follow you. Amen*

**Prayer** *As He Had Done Before*

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

NIV Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Had Done Previously*

When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

ESV Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Had Always Done*

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

NLT Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As Was His Custom*

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

NKJV Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Had Done Previously*

Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.

NRSV Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Had Always Done*

When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God.

MSG Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Had Done Previously*

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he got down upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

AMP Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Always Had*

But though Daniel knew about it, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs bedroom, with its windows open toward Jerusalem, and prayed three times a day, just as he always had, giving thanks to his God.

TLB Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Had Been Doing Previously*

Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

NASB Daniel 6:10

**Prayer** *As He Always Had Done*

Even though Daniel knew that the new law had been written, he went to pray in an upstairs room in his house, which had windows that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day Daniel would kneel down to pray and thank God, just as he always had done.

NCV Daniel 6:10

# As He Had Done Before

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer** – Daniel 6:10

**In Context:** *Read Daniel 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Daniel 6:10 (NIV)

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, help me to develop a daily pattern of prayer that will continue through all the circumstances of life. Thank you, that I can pray to you today, tomorrow and all the next days of my life. I will ask for your help now and every day in the future as I follow you. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When would you like to begin to establish a daily pattern of prayer in your life?

When would be an ideal time to set aside to meet in prayer with the Lord?

Where would be an ideal place to set aside to meet in prayer with the Lord?

Why will you never establish a prayer time with the Lord if you don't prioritize a time and place to meet with Him?

**When has the busyness of life used up all the unprioritized time you might have used to pray to the Lord?**

**How have you been able to keep on praying to the Lord through all the difficult circumstances of life?**

**How has the Lord heard and answered your prayers by bringing you through difficult circumstances in life?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Develop a regular daily pattern of prayer that will continue through the difficult circumstances of life.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith to keep praying to God daily through the difficult circumstances of your life.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you have kept praying through difficult circumstances in life.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you develop a daily pattern of prayer so you will continue praying through difficult circumstances in life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will develop a daily pattern of prayer so I will continue praying to you in every circumstance of life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I pray to you in all the circumstances of life today?*

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