

PRAY FIRST

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Dear Reader,

Since the beginning of our church in 2007, we have set our hearts to be a people of prayer. Our rally cry has simply been, "Pray First." In every situation, whether good or bad, we aim to pray before we act. Many times people act first and then want God to bail them out of that situation, but prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.

Understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough. In order for it to become a part of our life, it needs to become something we look forward to doing. I'm convinced most people don't enjoy prayer because they have never been taught how to pray. That's where this simple prayer journal can help. Using several prayer models out of the Bible and having some guides to make prayer more personal, this booklet is designed to bring joy to your time with God. When you discover the beauty of daily conversation with Him, you'll experience the presence of God that will change your life.

Once you learn how to pray, prayer can become a part of everyday life. And then...

- Before the day begins –
- Before you go to bed –
- Before you go to work or school –
- Before you send that text –
- Before you eat, drive, or travel –
- When bad things happen –
- Before bad things happen –

In every situation – PRAY FIRST!

Prayer changes everything!

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

We don't have to follow a specific formula to talk with God, but practicing different ways to pray can help us find deeper purpose and connection to Him through our prayer time.

This book is designed to give you several prayer models. You don't have to master all of them at once; you can select a different prayer model each day and spend time working through it at your own pace. You can go in any order you want, and you can even spend a few days on the same model as you become more comfortable with it.

To get started, choose which model you want to use today in prayer. As you pray, focus on the process the model reveals, giving yourself time to pray intentionally. If your mind wanders, use the model to restore your focus.

The goal of using this guide is not to add pressure or overwhelm you. The goal is simply to get comfortable with different biblical models of prayer and for your prayer life to become more natural, effective, and enjoyable. To make your prayer time even more meaningful, you can write notes and prayer requests and play worship music. The important step is committing to regularly entering God's presence through prayer.

The heart of this guide is to help you find a new level of purpose, effectiveness, and enjoyment in your prayer life. While prayer does take commitment and can require discipline to develop into a daily habit, we also want to remember that it's a "get to" not a "got to." It's a privilege to be able to come to God in prayer.

CREATING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark,
Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a
solitary place, where He prayed.*

MARK 1:35

Prayer is most effective when it isn't something we do every now and then, but when it's a lifestyle we cultivate. To understand how to have a lifestyle of prayer, we can look at the example Jesus gave during His life on earth.

HAVE A CERTAIN TIME

Jesus got up early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father. Make a daily appointment with God—whether it's first thing in the morning, at lunch, or in the evening—and faithfully keep it.

HAVE A CERTAIN PLACE

Jesus had a specific place He went to pray. Having a designated place to pray helps us remove distractions and frees us to worship and pray out loud.

HAVE A CERTAIN PLAN

When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He gave them a prayer outline. We call it "The Lord's Prayer." This outline, along with several other tools, is available in this guide.

As we pray every day, our plans for our prayer time can vary, maybe including worship music, Bible reading, and quiet time to listen to God. It doesn't always have to look the same; it just helps when we have a plan for connecting regularly with God. It may help to take the space below to write down a schedule for you to follow on where and when to spend time with God every day.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is often recited in churches or at religious events, but there's so much more to this prayer. Jesus provided this model as an outline to teach us how to pray in a way that connects us to God and empowers us to accomplish great things through Him. This model takes us through each part of The Lord's Prayer, showing us how to pray the way Jesus instructed.

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him,
"Lord, teach us to pray..."*

LUKE 11:1

*"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver
us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen."*

MATTHEW 6:9-13

01. CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

"Our Father in Heaven"

God isn't interested in us practicing religion; instead, He desires a relationship with us. God has adopted us as His children and loves for us to call Him our Father. Starting our prayer time acknowledging our relationship with God is powerful for us and delights Him as well.

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father."

ROMANS 8:15

Proclaim your intimate relationship with God, addressing Him lovingly as your Father and thanking Him that you are His child.

PRAYER:

"Father, I come to You in prayer today thankful that I am Your child. I know I am a sinner, but You have forgiven me and adopted me as Your own, and I am so grateful to call you my Father. Thank you for loving me. I love you."

02. WORSHIP HIS NAME

"Hallowed be Your Name"

God loves when we worship Him, and there is power in His Name. Here is a list of some of His Names to help us worship Him specifically and personally:

God is Righteousness – *He makes us clean*

God is Sanctifier – *He has called us and set us apart*

God is Healer – *He heals all our diseases*

God is Banner of Victory – *He defeated our enemies*

God is Shepherd – *He speaks to us and leads us*

God is Peace – *He is our peace in every storm*

God is Provider – *He supplies all of our needs*

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.*

PROVERBS 18:10

Speak God's Names out loud. When we proclaim who He is, we not only worship Him, but we also remind ourselves how powerful and great our God is.

PRAYER:

"God, I am in awe of You. Your Name is a strong tower, a place of protection and safety for me. I praise You as my Healer, my Shepherd, and my Banner of Victory. You are my Peace, my Provider, my Righteousness, and my Sanctifier. Your Name is great, and I worship You."

03. PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST

"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"

Part of being a child of God is caring about what He cares about. We know His will is perfect, and we acknowledge His wisdom and sovereignty when we pray His agenda first.

He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

LUKE 12:31 TLB

Spend time focusing on what God is focused on. His priorities include:

- Saving the lost
- Wisdom and guidance for those in authority – ***parental, spiritual, governmental, work-related***
- Accomplishing His purpose in our lives

PRAYER:

"God, I recognize there is no better plan on earth than Yours, and I pray for Your will to be done in my life (name the areas of your life where you need more of God's presence today) and in our world. This world is lost and needs You desperately, and I pray for every person to know You as their personal Lord and Savior. I pray for the leaders in my life (pray specifically over parents, spiritual leaders, government leaders, employers, and any other leaders in your life), that You would give them supernatural wisdom and discernment as they lead. Give them a revelation of Your will and Your purpose for them. And I give my life to You again today; have Your way in my life! Anything You want to do in me or through me, I will do. I ask today for wisdom and clarity as You show me my next steps."

04. DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

"Give us this day our daily bread"

God promises to supply all our needs, and He wants us to come to Him with our problems, needs, and desires and to trust Him to provide.

I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

PSALM 121:1-2 NLT

Ask God for what you need today. It may help to write down the concerns weighing on your mind or the desires of your heart. You can bring them to God, and trust Him enough to hand them over to Him fully. It may help to open your hands before God to physically show your surrender to Him. Problems can either be ours or God's; they can't be both.

PRAYER:

"Father, I acknowledge that everything I need today will come from You. You made the heavens and the earth; You are more than capable of handling any situation I'm dealing with, so I give it to You completely (specifically talk to God about what is on your mind and heart right now and give it to Him). I look to You to help me, sustain me, and give me Your peace. Remind me of Your hope and power today. Thank You in advance for taking care of my needs."

05. FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"

God has offered us complete forgiveness, and we can receive it at any time. When we turn away from our sins and receive His forgiveness, our hearts are more prepared to forgive others as well.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9

Ask God to check your heart and life and show you areas where you might need to ask for forgiveness from Him. Then, it is your turn to forgive those who have offended you. We can even choose to forgive people in advance. Ask God to forgive you and to help you forgive others.

PRAYER:

"God, thank You so much for offering me the gift of forgiveness. Show me any areas in my life that I need to bring before You in order to receive forgiveness and healing. I confess that I have been struggling with sin (talk to God about any areas of sin in your life), and I know that You want me to be clean again. Please forgive me for my sin. Thank You for showing me unfailing grace. As You have so freely forgiven me, I also want to freely forgive others. Please help me let go of all of my offenses. I release to You those who have hurt me, and I trust You to handle those situations according to Your perfect will."

06. ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"

Spiritual warfare can seem difficult to understand, but the Bible makes it very clear that we have an enemy who is trying to steal from us, kill us, and destroy us. As we pray, we take our stand against the enemy and fight from a place of victory through Jesus as we're empowered by His Holy Spirit. There is power in God's Word, and every lie the enemy has told us can be replaced with God's truth.

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,
but against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the powers of this dark world and against
the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

EPHESIANS 6:12

By recognizing that the enemy wants to destroy you, you can shed light on his lies and claim God's truth over your life. Ask God to show you any lies you're believing or areas of warfare happening in your life. Ask Him to expose the enemy and to help you understand and receive His truth. Simply speaking the Name of Jesus has great power in the spiritual realm. The Bible tells us in James 4:7 that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. Through prayer, we can resist him and walk forward in freedom.

PRAYER:

"God, I recognize that my struggles today aren't against the people or circumstances around me, but against the enemy. Please help me to see how the enemy is lying to me. Help me to recognize his lies, take them captive, and make all of my thoughts obedient to the truth of Your Word (list out any specific areas God shows you where you have believed a lie that needs to be replaced with His truth). While the enemy wants to destroy me, I know that You came to give me life to the fullest. I speak the name of Jesus over my life and declare that no weapon formed against me will prosper. I don't have to fear the enemy because the One who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world."

07. EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S ABILITY

"For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever."

God is more than able to move in every situation, and ending our prayer time claiming His authority and power focuses our minds on the truth and hope of who He is and what He can do.

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.

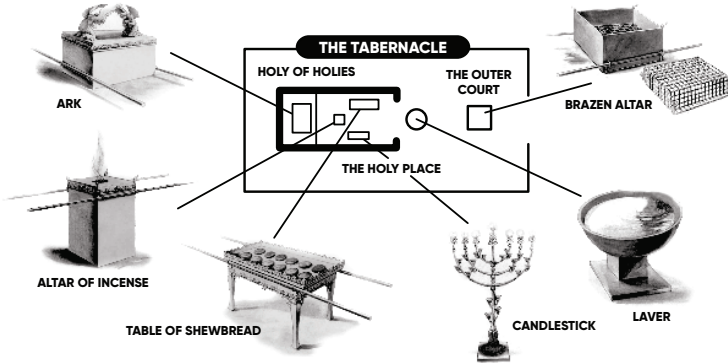
JEREMIAH 32:17

Remind yourself of God's limitless power and then return to praising Him and declaring your faith in Him:

- "Yours is the Kingdom" – *all authority belongs to You*
- "Yours is the Power" – *all mightiness flows from You*
- "Yours is the Glory" – *Your victory will be complete*

PRAYER:

***"Father God, nothing is too hard for You!
Through Your great power, all things are possible.
All authority is Yours, all might is Yours, and I
know that Your victory will be complete. You are
amazing, and I worship You. I praise You for Your
power and presence in my life. You are my God,
and You are worthy of all praise."***



TABERNACLE PRAYER

In the Old Testament, the Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God, built to His specifications, where He would meet His people. As they entered the Tabernacle, they passed through seven stations, following God's instructions, to experience His presence. Today, even though we no longer need the physical Tabernacle to meet with God, these same steps can help us connect with Him. This prayer model will take us through each station of the Tabernacle and use the purpose of each station to guide our prayers.

01. THE OUTER COURT

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

The Israelites entered the Tabernacle with thanksgiving and praise, and we start our prayer time the same way.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

PSALM 100:4

Spend some time really thinking about all the blessings in your life for which you're thankful. You can write down a list, sing your own song of praise, or just spend quiet moments reflecting on your gratitude and praise toward God.

PRAYER:

"Father God, You are good, and You deserve all my praise and more. Thank You for the many ways You have blessed me and for watching over me (tell Him specific things in your life that you're grateful for. Thank Him for something new that you've never thanked Him for before). I want to experience Your presence and Your love in a fresh way today, Jesus.

I thank You that Your mercies are new every day. I thank You for who You are and all You have done for me."

02. THE BRAZEN ALTAR

THE CROSS OF JESUS

In the Old Testament, everyone had to regularly bring animal sacrifices as payment for their sins. Today, we don't have to do that because Jesus paid for our sins once and for all with His blood on the cross.

*Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all
His benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals
all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion, who
satisfies your desires with good things so that your
youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

PSALM 103:2-5

Thank God for the gift of Jesus. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and love. Let the power of the cross and what it means for your life really settle in your spirit. In addition to expressing your gratitude, claim the power of transformation and healing that the cross of Jesus has in your life.

The cross provides us with five major benefits:

- Salvation – *God forgives all my sin*
- Healing – *God heals all my diseases*
- Redemption – *God rescues me and restores me*
- Transformation – *God changes me into His likeness*
- Blessing – *God provides everything I need*

PRAYER:

"Thank You, God, for making a way for me through Your Son. Jesus, thank You for the sacrifice You made for me on the cross. You saved me, and You set me free. I praise You for being my Healer. You have power over all disease and harm in my life (list specific areas where you need to experience God's healing power). Thank You for being my Redeemer. You rescue me and give my life purpose. Thank You for transforming my life with Your love, for making me new. I want to grow to be more like You (give Him access to every area of your life). Thank You for blessing me. I know You have good plans for me and all that I have comes from You (thank Him for specific blessings in your life)."

03. THE LAVER

CLEANSING AND PREPARING

The next step in the Tabernacle was a bowl of water where people were reminded of their sinfulness and their need to be cleansed and forgiven by God. Checking our hearts and motives and surrendering our lives to God is an important part of daily prayer.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

ROMANS 12:1 ESV

Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can confess our sins to Him and receive complete forgiveness and a fresh start. In prayer, humbly and sincerely turn away from your sins and allow God to cleanse and renew you. Then, surrender your life and every part of yourself to Him.

PRAYER:

“God, I confess my sins to You and turn away from them (tell God any sin you know is in your life and confess it to Him with a sincere heart. Ask Him to show you any other areas that need His cleansing). ***Thank You, God, for freely forgiving me. As I turn away from my sin, I turn toward You, and I offer myself to You:***

- *I give You my tongue, to speak good and not evil*
- *I give You my eyes, to focus on You and the needs of others*
- *I give You my ears, to be sensitive to Your voice*
- *I give You my hands, to do good for others*
- *I give You my feet, to walk in Your ways and follow Your footsteps*
- *I give You my mind, to be transformed and used by You*

I ask You, Lord, for the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23, so that I can grow closer to You and make a difference in the lives of others. I ask for: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control."

04. THE CANDLESTICK

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The next piece of the Tabernacle was a seven-branched golden candlestick. The fire represents the Holy Spirit and how we are called to be light in the world's darkness.

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD.

ISAIAH 11:2

When Jesus left the earth, Christians were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. He calls the Holy Spirit our “advocate.” We cannot do what God has called us to do without His supernatural power. It is through the Holy Spirit that God comforts us, guides us, and empowers us.

PRAYER:

“Holy Spirit, I ask You to fill me up. I need Your presence in my life, guiding, directing, comforting, and counseling me. I know that You, Holy Spirit, are God, in the Trinity with God the Father and the Son, Jesus. You are the Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, and Knowledge. Give me a holy fear of the Lord, helping me to be in awe of who God is and what God does. Work in me, Holy Spirit. Teach and transform me (pray through any areas where you feel the need for transformation today). I honor You and ask You to empower me with Your spiritual gifts for the good of the church.”

05. THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD

THE WORD OF GOD

In the Tabernacle, a table with twelve loaves of bread represented the importance of reading God’s Word for daily sustenance.

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

JOSHUA 1:8

God's Word is an incredible gift and a powerful tool, and it has great relevance and impact in our prayer life. Here is how you can incorporate God's Word into your prayer time:

- Take time to read and think about the Word
- Claim God's many great promises for your life and the world around you
- Ask Him for fresh revelation of His Word
- Ask Him for a Word to help you as you go throughout your day

PRAYER:

"Thank You, God, for giving me Your Word. I commit to reading it, and I ask You to reveal Yourself to me through it. I want to know You more. Help me to grow more in love with Your Word and to be more dependent on it. I claim the promises You have for me, and I meditate on the truth of Your Word (pray any Scriptures that are on your heart or that God has given you in your current season). Give me fresh revelation from Your Word today and every day! I am hungry to see You more clearly through Your Word."

06. THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

WORSHIP

A small altar of burning incense stood at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelled. The people of God entered God's presence as they worshiped His Name. This altar represents worship and the pleasure it gives God when we worship Him.

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.*

PROVERBS 18:10 NKJV

Thank God for making His presence available to you. Praise His Names and worship Him personally and specifically for who He is and how He has moved in your life.

PRAYER:

"Thank You, God, for Your presence. I know that You are here with me. I worship You and You alone. I know God, that You are:

My Righteousness – Jeremiah 23:6

My Sanctifier – Leviticus 20:7-8

My Healer – Exodus 15:26

My Provider – Genesis 22:14

My Banner of Victory – Exodus 17:15

My Peace – Judges 6:24

My Shepherd – Psalm 23:1

(As you pray through the different Names of God, focus on a few aspects of who He is that have been especially meaningful in your current season of life.) ***I know that You are always with me, God, and Your presence is life to me. You give me breath, joy, and purpose. I love You, God."***

07. THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

INTERCESSION

The final place in the Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelled. There, the priest interceded by praying on behalf of the people of God. In the same way, we intercede on behalf of those around us.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

We can make a difference when we spend time praying for others. Pray for those with whom you interact and connect, including:

- Those in authority – ***leaders in church, government, family, and workplace***
- Your family – ***both immediate and extended family members***
- Your church – ***pastors, Small Group leaders, members, and missionaries***
- Your community – ***people in your city, nation, and world***
- Your relationships – ***friends, coworkers, acquaintances***

PRAYER:

“Thank You, God, for creating a way through Jesus for me to have Your presence wherever I go. I want to specifically ask You to watch over those in authority over me—my spiritual leaders, the leaders of our government, the leaders in my family, and my employers (pray for these people by name). I ask that You give them wisdom and grace, watch over and protect them, help them to know and love You more. I ask You, God, to be present with my family. Bless them and keep them from harm (pray for any specific needs in your family right now). For those in my family who don’t know You, I ask that You meet them where they are and guide their hearts toward You. I ask You to watch over my church, God. Give my pastor wisdom and vision, bless the Small Groups

and everyone who steps foot into our buildings. I pray that You will bring the lost into our church, and that they will have a positive experience and come to know You. Keep our vision rooted in who You are and moving toward Your goals.

I ask You to watch over my city, my nation, and the world. Bring peace and help us all take steps toward You (name areas where you feel a burden for your city, nation, and the world). I pray for anyone who comes across my path to see Your light in me. I lift up my friends, neighbors, and coworkers. I thank You for them and pray for Your blessing over them (pray for any specific needs of others). Lastly God, I ask You to provide for my needs. I know that You sustain me, and that You care for me. I lift up my physical, emotional, and spiritual needs to You (share the needs on your mind right now). I lay my cares at Your feet. Thank You for loving me, choosing me, and calling me Yours. Amen."

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

The Word of God is one of the most valuable tools we have to build a dynamic daily prayer life. It brings power, truth, and encouragement to our prayer time.

Let's begin with King David's Psalm 23. Take a moment to read it, and then use the prayer below as a way to use the psalm to have a conversation with God.

SCRIPTURE:

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PSALM 23

PRAYER:

"God, You are my Provider, and I know You will take care of me. Thank You for guiding me to places of rest. You are my source of energy and passion. You keep me going and lead me toward a life of purpose and freedom. I know that even when I experience my darkest seasons of difficulty and challenge, I have nothing to be afraid of because You are with me. Your presence and power are a constant comfort to me. I know that You are preparing the way for me and that my enemies cannot touch me because You are taking care of me. I know that You have blessed me, and I thank You for choosing me and anointing me with purpose. Your blessings are so much more than I could ask for. I know that You are good, God, and that You are with me all the days of my life. You have chosen me, and I have chosen You, and that means I will be with You, in Your presence, forever."

In the following section, we will use several scriptures and claim their promises through prayer. You can make this as personal as you like. You will find the most benefit when you pray the scriptures that God is showing you in His Word and that are connecting with you personally in your current season of life.

SCRIPTURE:

Come near to God and He will come near to you.

JAMES 4:8

PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, You have promised that if I draw near to You, You will draw near to me. I need more of Your presence today, and I am drawing near to You through prayer, worship, and reading Your Word. I open my heart to You and ask You to be near to me and change me to be more like You."

SCRIPTURE:

But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:33

PRAYER:

"Your Word tells me that if I seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness, You will lead me to a life of blessing, purpose, and freedom. I am Yours today, God, and I give this day to You. Help me to focus on Your priorities first, sharing Your love and making Your Name known. I know that by focusing on You rather than myself, I will receive joy and peace."

SCRIPTURE:

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

JAMES 4:10

PRAYER:

"God, You have promised that if I humble myself before You, You will lift me up. I recognize today that I cannot succeed on my own, and I need You in every moment. I humble myself before You, and I ask You to work in and through me today. My time, efforts, thoughts, and words are Yours today (name specific parts of your day and give them to God). Use me for Your purposes, Lord. I trust that You will be with me and lift me up."

SCRIPTURE:

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

PRAYER:

"Father, I know You have not given me a spirit of fear or timidity, but one of power, love, and self-discipline. When my mind feels out of control, I pray that You will renew my spirit and let power, love, and self-discipline fill me. Help me to look more like You every day.

I declare that anything that is not of You has to leave me in Jesus' mighty Name. I proclaim that I do not have a spirit of fear, but I have a sound and healthy mind."

SCRIPTURE:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

PRAYER:

"God, You promise me in Your Word that in all things You work for my good. Right now, there are circumstances in my life that don't feel good and that I can't see an ounce of good in (talk to God about the specific situations that are causing you difficulty or pain). Even though this is how I feel, I choose to believe Your truth over my feelings. When You say You will work in all things for my good, I believe You. Even in situations that seem hopeless, I know You are working on my behalf and that You want more for me than I could ever want for myself. Thank You for having a purpose for me and for working all my life circumstances for good."

SCRIPTURE:

Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

PSALM 62:8

PRAYER:

"Father, in Your Word You invite me to pour out my heart to You. You are my refuge, and I know that anything I think, feel, or do is okay to bring to You. Knowing that You are a safe place for me, I come to You and give You everything on my heart (talk to God about the specific things that are on your heart today). From what is worrying me to what is delighting me, what I hope for to what I'm afraid of, I bring it all to You because I know I can trust You. Help me and guide me in every area, in Jesus' Name."

SCRIPTURE:

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.

DEUTERONOMY 28:12

PRAYER:

"Lord, I believe You have everything I need and You want to bless me. You tell me in Your Word that You will open the heavens to bless the work I do. I know that without You, I can do nothing. I ask that You will open the heavens and pour out Your blessings and power over me. I give my work and my efforts to You and I ask You for favor and blessing in anything my hands touch (surrender specific efforts to Him). May it be for Your glory alone so that others may see Your power and goodness at work."

SCRIPTURE:

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39

PRAYER:

"God, I am in awe of Your love for me. You are so great, and I am so small, yet You love me fully. I remind my soul today that nothing can separate me from Your love—I am so grateful! There is nothing I can do to win or lose Your love; You love me without condition. Because I know nothing on earth, in time or space, or anything in existence can separate me from Your love, I will live confidently and peacefully knowing I have always been and will always be fully loved by You."

SCRIPTURE:

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord.

ISAIAH 54:17

PRAYER:

"Lord, I know that no weapon raised against me will succeed because I am Your child. I feel pressure in my life right now, and sometimes I feel as though life will overcome me (talk to God about the concerns weighing on you). Even though I feel this way, in faith, I claim Your promise that no weapon can overcome me and that any accusations that come against me will be silenced. This truth is verified by Your love and saving power in my life."

SCRIPTURE:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

PRAYER:

"Father, my heart feels anxious (tell God what is giving you anxiety). I don't like this feeling, but I'm thankful I can come to You and receive peace. You invite me to replace my anxiety with prayer, and even though my mind and heart are racing, I'm coming to You knowing that You provide healing and calm for my soul. Thank You for giving me breath and life. I thank You that I am fearfully and wonderfully made in Your image. I lay down all worries, all my physical and

mental anxiety, and any attempt at trying to control it all (tell Him the things you are laying down right now). I surrender it all to You. I need You. I need Your peace that transcends my human understanding. Even if things are unstable around me, I pray that Your peace will be evident in my heart and my life. Guard my heart and mind, God. I trust that You are faithful, and I receive Your peace in my life today."

SCRIPTURE:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

JEREMIAH 29:11-13

PRAYER:

"My God, I try to make so many plans for my life, but I know Your plans for me are best. You tell me that You have plans for me to prosper and have hope and a future. Thank You for loving me enough to have a plan for my life. You have promised me that when I call on You, You will listen to me. Thank You for listening when I pray. I am confident knowing that I serve a God who cares about my life. I want to find You every day, and You say that if I seek You with all my heart, I will find You. Thank You for showing me the way to You."

I lay my plans down at Your feet and receive Your plans for me (mention your plans and lay them down before God). I know that You see the big picture and You know what is better for me than I do. I trust You, and I ask You to guide me toward Your plans."

SCRIPTURE:

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

HEBREWS 13:5

PRAYER:

"Father, I am so comforted by the fact that You will never leave me. You are always with me, and I am safe with You. As I go through my life and take on each new situation, I'm comforted by knowing I'm not alone because You are by my side. Help me feel Your presence. When I feel uncertain or afraid, I pray You will comfort me through Your Holy Spirit and remind me that I am never alone because You, the Almighty God, have promised to always be with me."

SCRIPTURE:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

PRAYER:

"Lord Jesus, I am so tired and worn out (tell God the areas that you're tired and weary). I feel exhausted mentally and physically. Life feels hard, and I feel like I can't keep up my current pace. You invite me to come to You when I am weary, and I fall at Your feet desperate for rest, peace, and perspective. Show me where I am trying to do things on my own. Show me where I need to rest instead of strive. Teach me Your ways. Show me how to walk in gentleness, humility, and rest. I know Your ways are higher than my ways, and I pray that You will transform my heart and mind to be more like You."

SCRIPTURE:

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

PSALM 91:1-2

PRAYER:

"God, I claim that I dwell in Your shelter, the Most High God, and I rest in Your shadow, the Almighty One. I claim that You alone are my refuge and fortress. You are my God and I trust You. When I face anything that brings me uncertainty or fear (confess these things to Him), I know that I can come to You as my safe place. Thank You for Your strength and protection in my life."

SCRIPTURE:

The LORD is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does. The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

PSALM 145:13-14

PRAYER:

"Almighty God, as I claim the promises in Your Word through my prayer time, I praise You for Your character. Trustworthy, faithful—that is who You are. I thank You that I can trust You to be faithful to me. I know that when I come to You with humility and a surrendered heart that You will lift me up."

PRAYER OF ISAIAH

"Check Your Oil"

When driving a car, there are gauges that show what you cannot see on the surface. The oil light may come on which alerts you to low oil. The gas light may come on which lets you know you need to stop and get gas. These gauges are an indicator of the overall condition of your car. If our engine runs out of oil, we know we are going to have a problem on our hands.

In Scripture, oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. We cannot do life on earth as a follower of Christ apart from the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us to live the way He called us to live. Isaiah's prayer in Chapter 11 gives us seven ways to make sure the oil is full in our lives.

SCRIPTURE:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

ISAIAH 11:2

01. INTIMACY

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL REST UPON HIM

The first part of this scripture has to do with intimacy, and intimacy has to do with knowing one another fully. God wants to know us in this way. What is your intimacy like with the Lord? How closely are you walking with Him? When we worship, pray, and read our Bible, we draw close to the Lord.

PRAYER:

"Lord, remind me of my first love. Draw me close to You and help me to put You first in every area of my life. I want to know You fully. Please make me more like You as I spend time with You."

02. ORDER

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM

The Hebrew word for wisdom in this scripture is "*khokma*". It has to do with wisdom in administration. In our finances, relationships, families, work life, and home life there should be order. The Holy Spirit can bring order to the areas of your life that feel chaotic. Where there is order, there is peace.

PRAYER:

"Lord, I pray that You would give me wisdom and order in my life. I believe that You are not the author of confusion, so help me to have the mind of Christ to bring order to every part of my life. Help me to have order in my daily decisions in life with my family, friendships, finances, time, home, and work. Thank You for the peace that comes with order."

03. CLARITY

THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

The spirit of understanding has to do with clarity about God's vision for your life. What does God have for you? If your oil is low, it's hard to see where God wants you to go and what He wants you to do. We need to pray and ask God for clarity about the plans He has for our lives.

PRAYER:

"Lord, please give me vision for my life. Help me to see what You see. Show me the plans You have for me in the future, so that I would walk in them."

04. MAKE RIGHT DECISIONS

THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL

The spirit of counsel is the ability to make right decisions. The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to make tough decisions easily. The decision may not be easy, but we don't have to struggle with being decisive. When we run low on oil, it can be difficult to make right decisions. One good decision can turn everything around for you.

PRAYER:

"Lord, help me to make the right decisions. Help me to seek You first and spend time in your word to gain a better understanding of the direction You would have for me. Help me to make decisions that honor You and declare You as Lord of my life. Fill me with Your word that I would be able to make wise decisions easily."

05. ENERGY

THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT

The might God gives is the supernatural energy that only comes from Him. This spirit of might can help you do what God has called you to do. Maybe you're facing a tough situation—it is the Spirit of might that can give you the strength to overcome.

PRAYER:

"Lord, please give me the spirit of might. Help me to overcome all that I'm facing. Give me the strength that only comes from You. Help me to not grow weary in well doing, but to keep moving forward in Your might. Thank You for upholding me in all things."

06. INSIGHT

THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

The spirit of knowledge has to do with supernatural insight. It is the ability to know things that you otherwise would not have the ability to know. You might have a conversation with someone and—in your spirit—you hear something from God that you are supposed to share with someone else. It's something that you would not have known on your own. The Spirit helps us to read between the lines of what's going on beneath the surface.

PRAYER:

"Lord, thank You that You are able to help me understand things that I shouldn't be able to know on my own. Thank You that Your knowledge is available to me. Help me to be able to discern what You want me to do in every conversation and situation. Give me an understanding of the big picture when I'm faced with difficulties."

07. INTEGRITY

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

If there is one way to drain your oil quickly, it's through sin. When we are living outside the will of God and living in ways that are not pleasing to Him, your oil will be drained quickly. Your talent, strategy, vision, and work ethic will not take you somewhere your character can't keep you. We should live our lives in a way that says, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

PRAYER:

"Lord, help me to live a life that is above reproach. Help me to avoid the very appearance of evil. Please keep my pride in check and help me to live a life that is pleasing to You. Please help me to keep my tank full of Your word and surround me with people to encourage me on my spiritual journey so that I would not fall away."

DAVID'S PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

The Bible mentions gratefulness 157 times. In this Old Testament passage, David was finally in a place of peace and rest – no longer fighting or running from his enemies. Having heard from the Prophet Nathan of God's intent to establish His Kingdom through David's offspring, (2 Samuel 7:4-17) David sat down and humbly prayed to the LORD. The prayer we see in this passage is a guideline we can use as we practice gratitude towards God.

2 SAMUEL 7:18–29

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and prayed...

GRATITUDE

VERSES 18–19

*Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family,
that You have brought me this far? And now, Sovereign LORD,
in addition to everything else, You speak of giving Your servant
a lasting dynasty! Do You deal with everyone this way,
O Sovereign LORD?*

PRAYER:

"God, you are King of my life. Everything that I have is a blessing from You. Thank you for loving me, saving me, and leading me each day of my life. There is no other god like You!"

REPENTANCE

VERSES 20-21

What more can I say to You? You know what Your servant is really like, Sovereign Lord. Because of Your promise and according to Your will, You have done all these great things and have made them known to Your servant.

PRAYER:

"Father, You know my thoughts and my heart. Forgive me, LORD, for my actions that don't align with Your Word. Show me ways that I need to align my heart with Yours and lead me in the ways I should live."

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

VERSES 22-24

How great You are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like You. We have never even heard of another God like You! What other nation on earth is like Your people Israel? What other nation, O God,

have You redeemed from slavery to be Your own people? You made a great name for Yourself when You redeemed Your people from Egypt. You performed awesome miracles and drove out the nations and gods that stood in their way. You made Israel Your very own people forever, and You, O LORD, became their God.

PRAYER:

"God, You are amazing, powerful, and mighty! Your name is above all other names and You do great things in my life each day. Despite my failures, You are gracious, merciful, and loving. There is no one else like You! Thank You for loving me!"

SURRENDER

VERSES 25-26

And now, O LORD God, I am Your servant; do as You have promised concerning me and my family. Confirm it as a promise that will last forever. And may Your name be honored forever so that everyone will say, 'The LORD of Heaven's Armies is God over Israel!' And may the house of Your servant David continue before You forever.

PRAYER:

"God, You are great and Your promises never fail. I humbly put my trust in You and put aside my goals and intentions for Your will. Guide me as I trust Your Word that You have spoken over my life."

REQUEST FOR BLESSING

VERSES 25-26

O LORD of Heaven's Armies, God of Israel, I have been bold enough to pray this prayer to You because You have revealed all this to Your servant, saying, 'I will build a house for you—a dynasty of kings!' For You are God, O Sovereign LORD. Your words are truth, and You have promised these good things to your servant. And now, may it please You to bless the house of Your servant, so that it may continue forever before You. For You have spoken, and when You grant a blessing to Your servant, O Sovereign LORD, it is an eternal blessing!

PRAYER:

"In the face of daily challenges and spiritual battles, I ask that You give me wisdom and courage. Bless my life and those around me. Give me discernment to know the way I should go and the decisions I should make. May Your presence in my life be a shield and a source of unwavering strength each day."

THE PRAYER OF SURRENDER

There are 3 areas of your life that the enemy would love to get ahold of. Any area of your life that is not under God's leadership, is open to the influence of the enemy. We need to surrender our body, mind, and will to God.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you.

Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

ROMANS 12:1-2

01. MY BODY

My body is one of God's greatest tools and if it's broken I can't work for him. It's not fun to train your body and to say no to the flesh. Our flesh is weak and we easily give into sin. We must surrender our bodies to God.

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to **give your bodies** to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a **living and holy sacrifice**—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to **worship him**.*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

We surrender our body through obedience. We can surrender our body through boundaries and accountability in our physical life and spiritual life. We can also surrender our body through worship to God. We clap our hands and raise our hands because it's me giving my body to God as an act of worship.

PRAYER:

"Lord, thank You for making and creating me for Your plan and purpose. Thank You for the body that You've given to me. Please help me to treat my body the way that You intended. Help me to say "no" to the flesh and be obedient to Your word. Help me as I learn to say "no" to the things of this world. I want to walk in obedience to You, and today I choose to surrender my body to You."

02. MY MIND

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,
but let God **transform you** into a new person by
changing the way you think.*

ROMANS 12:2

Transformation begins with the mind. The acts of the body are the fruits of the mind. It starts in our mind and changes the way we think, speak, and act towards other people. We can surrender our mind through Bible reading. When we read the Bible, we learn to think what God thinks.

PRAYER:

"Lord, today I choose to surrender my mind to You. Transform my mind to think the way You want me to think, and let it be reflected in all I say and do. Protect my mind from the things that would try to weigh me down. Help me to fall in love with Your Word and let it take root in my heart as I grow closer to You."

03. MY WILL

*Then you will learn to know **God's will for you,**
which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

ROMANS 12:2

When you think of the word "will", think of the word "desire". I must surrender my desires to God. What you desire will breed thoughts and what you think about will impact your behavior. We must surrender our will to God's will which is good, pleasing, and perfect. We surrender our will through prayer. When we pray, our desires become His desires. Our will becomes His will. When we pray, we are surrendering our will to be shaped in the hands of God and he gives us strength.

PRAYER:

"Lord, thank You that Your will is good, pleasing, and perfect. Thank You for the comfort that it brings. Today, I choose to surrender my will and desires to Yours. Let not my will be done but Yours. You know best and You have ordered my steps. I trust in You and Your strength today."

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

EPHESIANS 1:16-17

In Ephesians 1:15–23, Paul asks God to open our spiritual eyes so we can truly understand who we are, and the power that's available to us through Jesus.

01. PRAYER FOR STRONG FAITH

Faith is more than belief—it's the backbone of our walk with Jesus. Paul celebrates a faith that's alive and visible. We don't just want belief; we want bold, resilient, grounded faith.

*Ever since I first heard of your **strong faith** in the Lord Jesus...*

EPHESIANS 1:15

Thank God for the people in our church. Pray that our faith continues to grow and deepen.

PRAYER:

"God, thank You for the gift of faith and for the people You've brought into this church family. You are building something beautiful in us. Strengthen our faith today—not just for what we're facing, but for what You're calling us to. When things feel uncertain, remind us of who You are and what You've already done. Help us to trust beyond what we see, knowing You're working all things together for our good and Your glory. Let our faith be steady enough to carry us, and strong enough to lift up those around us. Make us a church that's known for our belief in who You are and what You can do."

02. PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL WISDOM

True wisdom doesn't come from books or podcasts—it comes from the Holy Spirit. Paul prays that we wouldn't just know about God, but that we'd grow in knowing Him intimately.

*...asking God to give you **spiritual wisdom** and **insight** so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.*

EPHESIANS 1:17

Pray that God grants us spiritual wisdom and insight, and that we would grow in our knowledge of Him. Pray for a greater understanding of His character and His ways in our lives.

PRAYER:

“Father, I don’t just want to know about You—I want to know You deeply. Help me hear Your voice in the middle of the noise. Show me what You’re doing, even when it’s hidden in the ordinary. Give me spiritual insight that’s beyond human understanding. Help me recognize Your character, trust Your ways, and respond to Your Word. Teach me to walk closely with You—step by step, moment by moment—growing more in love with You every day.”

03. PRAYER FOR CONFIDENCE

Confidence in Jesus changes everything. When you know who He says you are, condemnation, fear, and the need for approval begins to shrink. You walk like someone who knows their identity and purpose.

*I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can **understand** the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.*

EPHESIANS 1:18

Ask God to help us recognize our identity as His holy people and the authority and inheritance we have in Him. Pray for boldness to operate in that authority.

PRAYER:

“Jesus, help me see myself through Your eyes—not through my past, my mistakes, or my insecurities, but through the truth of who I am in You. Remind me that I am chosen, loved, and called. Wash away the doubt and fear that hold me back. Give me boldness to walk in the authority You’ve given me—not for my own glory, but so others can experience Your goodness. Help me to be Your image-bearer, who people see not as myself, but as a reflection of You and of Your love for them. Let every step I take point back to You.

04. PRAYER FOR AWARENESS OF GOD’S POWER

This isn’t about someday power—this is right-now power. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to you today. Paul wants us to live aware, awake, and activated by that truth.

*I also pray that you will **understand the incredible greatness of God’s power** for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.*

EPHESIANS 1:19–20

Ask God to reveal His power at work in our lives through miracles and the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. Pray that we would recognize that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is active within us.

PRAYER:

"God, open my eyes to Your power at work in my life. Help me to see it—not just in the big miracles, but in the quiet moments too. Remind me that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in me. Let that truth shape how I live, how I pray, and how I believe. Activate the gifts of Your Spirit within me and my church. Let healing flow, let lives be changed, and let people encounter the supernatural power of a very real and present God. You're not distant. You're here—and You're still changing lives.

05. PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH'S MISSION

You are part of something bigger. The Church isn't just where we gather—it's who we are. Jesus fills His people so they can carry His presence into a world that desperately needs Him.

And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ...

EPHESIANS 1:23

Pray that we are a church in unity under Jesus' authority. Ask for guidance and strength as we fulfill our mission, making us a complete and fully functioning body that reflects His love and power in the world.

PRAYER:

"Jesus, thank You for making me part of Your Church. I'm not here by accident—I'm here on assignment. Help us live in unity, led by Your Spirit and anchored in Your truth. Make us one body with one mission: to help people experience You where we live, work, and serve. Let everything we do reflect Your grace—from the parking lot to the platform, from the workplace to Sunday worship. Help us be carriers of Your hope and Your Truth. We don't want to just gather—we want to go. Send us out to serve, to love, and to lead others home to You. Help us to live on purpose for Your purpose."

THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

The Prayer of Jabez is a helpful model of a prayer we can pray every day.

01. BLESSING

Jabez begins his prayer by asking God for His blessing. We need more of God's blessing to be better equipped to make a difference for His Kingdom. We need more provision, more spiritual gifting, more wisdom, so that we can bless others with what God has given us. James 4:2-3 tells us, "You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." God wants to bless us, but He is often waiting for us to ask with the right heart. We have a big God, and we can

be bold in asking for His blessing. As James points out, God sees our heart, and when we ask for blessing with the motivation not only to help ourselves but to help others, this gets His attention.

"Oh, that You would bless me..."

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

Ask God for His blessing. Recognize your need for His provision, and set your heart toward wanting more than you need so that you can be a blessing to others.

PRAYER:

"Father God, I pray that You would bless me with more than I need so that I can bless others. I pray for more provision, that You would equip me to give generously to others and meet their practical needs in Your Name. I ask You to give me greater spiritual gifting so that I can strengthen the church and be more effective for the Kingdom of God. I pray for an abundance of wisdom and discernment so that I can point others to You and make decisions that honor You. Help me keep Your generous blessings in perspective, so that I never become self-serving but stay focused on using what You've given me to serve other people."

02. INFLUENCE

Next, Jabez asks for more influence. As God's blessings increase in our lives, we ask for and experience greater opportunity to influence the world around us for Him. God has the power to bless us greatly, and He also has the power to open doors of opportunity for us to make a difference. We want to walk through doors that only He can open, and He responds when we specifically ask Him to give us more influence for His Name.

"Enlarge my territory..."

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

Pray for more influence. Because you know that God can make a way, trust in Him to open doors and lead you on the best path for your life and for His glory.

PRAYER:

"God, make me effective in my sphere of influence, and open new doors for me to be able to influence and reach even more people (name any particular areas where you'd like to have more influence). Help me to be a good steward of the responsibility You've entrusted to me. I pray for greater territory to impact for Your glory."

03. PRESENCE

In order to have lasting influence, we need God's presence in our lives. Through His power at work within us, God can do more than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). As we ask for blessing and influence, we also need to ask for His presence as Jabez did so that we are not operating out of our own strength but through the presence and the hand of our Almighty God.

"Let Your hand be with me..."

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

In humility, acknowledge your need for God's presence. Depend on Him and ask for more of Him in your life today.

PRAYER:

"Lord, I know that without You, I am nothing. I cannot do what You've called me to do on my own. I am desperate for Your presence in my life. I depend on You completely. I recognize that the same Spirit who raised Christ Jesus from the dead lives in me. Through the power of Your Spirit, I pray that You will help me succeed in the opportunities You've given me. Thank You for being with me. I would never want to face today without You."

04. PROTECTION

Finally, Jabez asks the Lord to protect him. If we are influencing the world for Jesus, we must understand the enemy will try to stop us. This leads us to pray that God will not only help us if the enemy attacks, but that He will protect us from the enemy attacking us in the first place. Jesus has already won the victory so we don't need to fear destruction. God promises to be with us and protect us, and because He is with us we have nothing to fear.

"Keep me from harm"

1 CHRONICLES 4:10

Trust God to protect you. Tell Him specific areas where you feel the need for His protection and ask Him to cover areas that you can't yet see.

PRAYER:

"God, as I walk out the purpose You have for my life, I pray that You will stop any and every attack of the enemy against me. Please protect my body, my mind, and my emotions. Don't let the enemy get a foothold in my life. I pray, too, that You will protect my family and community from harm. I know that the One who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world, so I have nothing to fear. Thank You for watching over me. I love You and I trust You."

WARFARE PRAYERS

Prayer is not only communion with God; it is also confrontation with the enemy. When Jesus was on the earth, He came face-to-face with the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness (see Matthew 4 and Luke 4), and every time the enemy tried to tempt Him, Jesus responded with a reference from the Bible. He used the Sword of Truth to defend Himself from the enemy's attacks. Consider that in these exchanges, although the devil used the Word of God to attack Him, Jesus didn't confront the devil as God. He confronted the devil as a man with the Word of God. We should do the same thing.

These spiritual warfare prayers and verses are examples we can use and adapt to our specific situations when we or someone we know is under attack from the devil.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17

Knowing that we are in a spiritual battle, God provides spiritual armor and equips us to take a stand when battles come our way.

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

EPHESIANS 6:11-18

Acknowledge that you're in a spiritual battle. Then, claim the protection God has given you by praying through the different pieces of armor described in Ephesians 6.

PRAYER:

"Thank You, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from You, and I declare that nothing can separate me from the love of Christ and the place I have in Your Kingdom. I wear Your righteousness today against all condemnation and corruption.

Cover me with Your holiness and purity –defend me from all attacks against my heart. Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Expose the lies I have believed, and show me Your truth today. I choose to live for the Gospel in every moment. Show me where You are working and lead me to it. Give me strength to walk daily with You. I believe that You are powerful against every lie and attack of the enemy and I receive and claim Your power in my life. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me because You are with me. Holy Spirit, show me the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the traps of the enemy. Bring those scriptures to mind today. Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with You in everything as my spirit communes with You in prayer throughout the day.”

THE WEAPONS OF WARFARE

Based on 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

When we are aware of spiritual warfare, we can be active in praying through it. God has given us victory and power to fight through the blood of Jesus.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-5

You can command anything that comes against the truth of God and His Word to bow to the Name of Jesus. Take a bold stand, praying specifically and confidently through God's power and His Spirit.

PRAYER:

"Father, Your Word says that no weapon formed against me will prosper (Isaiah 54:17), and I declare it in Jesus' Name. Your Word says that trouble will not arise a second time (Nahum 1:9). So I declare in Jesus' Name that satan cannot make trouble for me again, like he has in the past. I declare in the Name of Jesus that all of these prayers are answered and taken care of by trusting You.

I stand on Your Word. The enemy is driven out from me; from my home, workplace, church family, children, and loved ones. I declare that he is not able to stand against me. No weapon formed against me will prosper, because the Spirit of the Lord is with me, protecting me. I declare these truths in the Name of Jesus. Anything that comes against me or my family that is not in line with the truth and will of God, I command to bow to the powerful Name of Jesus. Father God, I give You all of my thanksgiving, praise, glory, honor, and worship. Thank You for loving me, making me clean, and giving me purpose."

PROTECTION PRAYER

Based on 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1, 10:3–5;
Romans 12:1–2

We often worry about our safety and protection. When we feel this way, we can immediately come to God in prayer, pour out our heart to Him, and battle in the heavenly by asking and claiming protection for ourselves and our families in Jesus' Name.

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

Share your thoughts and concerns with God. Ask Him for His supernatural protection. He says He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11). Claim this promise and lay everything down before Him, trusting His good plans and His power to protect you and those you love.

PRAYER:

"God, I bow in worship to praise You. Thank You for making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus. I surrender myself completely in every area of my life to You. I submit myself to the true and living God and refuse any involvement of the enemy in my life. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I reject every thought that tries to compete against the knowledge of Christ. I pray and thank You for a

sound mind, the mind of Christ. Today and every day I ask for protection over my family and loved ones; all immediate family members, relatives, friends, acquaintances, and myself. I ask for protection during all of our travels. I ask You to watch over our financial security, possessions, health, and safety (be as specific here as you like). All that I have is Yours God, and I declare that satan cannot touch me or anything You have given me. I rebuke the enemy and tell him to bow to the blood of Jesus that covers me and my family. He will not take what You have given us and we are protected and provided for by You, God, and You alone."

CONFESSION PRAYER

Based on Romans 10:10; James 5:16; 1 John 1:7-9, 3:8

Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus made a way for us to be reunited with God by covering our sin by dying on the cross. When we accept the gift of salvation we confess our sin, and as Christians, confessing and repenting of sin is something we continue to do. By coming clean and repentant before God, He is able to work in our lives and transform us to be more like Him.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9

Assume a posture of humility, and without fear of condemnation or punishment, come sincerely to God confessing your sin on a regular basis. Whether your sin feels big or small to you, your sin is still sin and affects your relationship with God. You get His attention when you tell Him your sin and turn from that sin to follow Him. After you confess, remind yourself and claim the power of the blood of Jesus in your life to wash you clean and make you new.

PRAYER:

"Lord Jesus, I confess all of my sins to You. I repent and turn away from them. I'm sorry for the wrong I have done. I confess the times I should have stepped up to do right and did nothing instead. I lay it all down at Your feet. I submit my thoughts, words, actions, and inactions to You. Thank You, God, for forgiving and making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God. You died on the cross for my sins and rose to life again on the third day. I confess all my sins and repent. I receive Your forgiveness and ask You to cleanse me from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, setting me free, making me holy, and giving my life purpose."

FORGIVENESS PRAYER

Based on Matthew 6:14–15; Leviticus 19:18

Forgiveness can feel challenging, but God makes it clear in the Bible that He freely forgives us and we are expected to do the same for others.

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

MATTHEW 6:14–15

Come before the Lord with humility, honesty, and sincerity. Share the areas in your life where you need to forgive others. Even if you aren't able to settle a situation with that person, you can settle it with the Lord by forgiving them. As you choose to forgive those who have hurt or offended you, you can also praise and thank God for forgiving you when you didn't deserve it.

PRAYER:

"Lord, I have a confession to make. I haven't loved others well. I have resented certain people and have not forgiven them in my heart. God, I know that You have forgiven me for so much, and I need Your help to follow You and forgive others. In faith, I now forgive (name them). I also forgive and accept myself because You have made me new in the Name of Jesus."

PRIDE PRAYER

Based on Proverbs 11:2, 16:18, 26:12; 1 Timothy 3:6

The Bible tells us that pride comes before the fall. Pride can be a very real issue in our lives, but we have the power to overcome it through Jesus.

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

PROVERBS 11:2

Practicing humility requires overcoming pride in our lives. Just as you confess other sins, regularly confess your pride to God. Submit it to Him, asking Him to help you walk in humility, free of pride and self-absorption. If you feel like pride is an issue that continues to surface in your life, confess it daily and bring it before God.

PRAYER:

"Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I know pride only keeps me from You. I put down anything that would cause me to have pride in my heart in dealing with other people. Help me to prioritize others over myself. I ask you God, to remind me daily that true humility is not thinking less of myself, it's thinking of myself less. I humble myself before You and come to You like a child."

Note: One of the best ways to humble ourselves is to mix prayer with fasting.

GENERATIONAL BONDAGE PRAYER

Based on Exodus 20:4-6, 34:7; Numbers 14:18;
2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1, 12:1

Generational bondage is sin that can be passed down from generation to generation. Whether it's pride, addiction, divorce, abandonment, sexual sin, or something else, through spiritual warfare, you can claim the power of Jesus to stop the sin with your generation not passing it on to anyone else in your family.

You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

EXODUS 20:4-6

Recognize the generational bondage that might be in your life and bring it before God. Ask for His power to defeat the sin that has affected generations of your family. Ask for it to stop right now, with you, and rebuke any sin or anything that tries to pull you away from your relationship with Christ. Pray for protection, healing, and a new path for you and your family.

PRAYER:

"Father God, I understand that I have inherited certain consequences from my family. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I proclaim Your power to break any hold of mental or physical illness, pride, addiction, and anything else on me and my family that are a result of sin being passed down through parents, grandparents, or other family members (if specifics come to mind, talk to God about it). I proclaim that all generational sin ends here and now, and that I will not pass these on to anyone in my family. Thank You, Lord, for setting me free and making a new way for me and my family."

HEALING PRAYER

Based on 1 Peter 2:24; Psalm 103:2-5; Luke 1:37

Our God is a God of miracles. Just as we read about in the Bible, we still see Him perform miraculous healing today. He is our healer, and we can confidently approach Him and ask for healing for ourselves or someone we know.

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PSALM 103:2-5

In faith, ask God for healing. Proclaim His power and goodness, believing and trusting Him to take care of you or those you're praying to be healed.

PRAYER:

"Father, in the Name of Jesus, I come before You asking for healing (name yourself or someone you are praying for to experience healing). My hope is in You as our healer. I believe You are able to do this. Your name is Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals, and I believe every knee will bow to You including the name of (name disease or disorder). Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross so that we can receive healing. You say that You forgive our sins and heal our diseases, and I praise You for this. Thank You that the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us. I stand in faith believing for healing for (yourself or someone you're praying for). Nothing is impossible for You, God! Give us peace and direction as You work in our lives. In Jesus Name, Amen."

MARRIAGE PRAYER

Based on Ephesians 5:25-30

God created marriage, and His design for it is good. In marriage, just as in any human relationship, we have to work to love well. We can't do this successfully in our own power. We need God, who is love Himself, to give us His Holy Spirit and to guide us in our marriage. Marriage is a picture of Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church.

As Christian husbands and wives, we have the high honor to represent the love and commitment Christ has for the Church through our love and commitment to each other.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church.

EPHESIANS 5:25-29 ESV

Thank God for your marriage. Start by asking Him to help you be the best spouse you can be. Ask Him to help you love well and to see your spouse as He sees them. Then, pray for your marriage, asking God to use your marriage to impact the world for Him. Ask Him for protection physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Pray for unity in your marriage and wisdom from Him about how to live your lives as one. Bring to Him anything in your marriage that concerns you, and trust Him to work on your behalf.

PRAYER:

"Thank You, God, for loving us, and for creating marriage to be an illustration of Your love for us here on earth. Help me, God, to love my spouse (call them by name) the way You love me. Help me to listen to my spouse, give honor, and put my spouse before myself. Protect us physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We ask You to build greater unity between us, make us stronger as a couple, more devoted to one another and to You. Use us God, build us up to be an example of what Godly marriage can look like. Use us together to do more than we could ever do apart. We ask for greater influence and more impact on the people around us. We ask You to work through us in the lives of our friends, family, and even those far away. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and move through us to bring those far from You closer, so that they can have an encounter with the Living God, who seeks and saves the lost, and who sets us free and gives us purpose.

We choose as a couple to love You first, God. We put our relationship with You before anything and everything else. We confess our need for You. Thank You for bringing us together. We choose to love one another today and every day. Thank You for our marriage. We ask You to bless it, build it, and be present in it always."

KINGDOM PRAYERS

After Jesus rose from the grave, and before He went up into heaven, He gave the disciples (*and all people who follow Him*) the "Great Commission".

*Therefore, **go** and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you...*

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Use these prayers as a guide to pray for people in all nations who have not heard about Jesus (*Unreached People Groups*), and for the people who will "go" and tell them about Jesus.

01. PRAY FOR LABORERS

He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

MATTHEW 9:37-38

PRAYER:

"Jesus, you told us to pray that You would raise up laborers (hard workers) for the harvest fields. I pray right now that You would raise up people from all over the world to make disciples of all nations to plant the church together among Unreached People Groups."

02. PRAY FOR THE CONVICTION OF SIN

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

MATTHEW 11:28-30

PRAYER:

"God, I know that it is only through the knowledge of our sinful state and repentance that leads us to turn to Jesus, that we are saved. I pray that the all people would feel and know the weight of their sin and come to Jesus for forgiveness and salvation."

03. PRAY FOR THE CROSS TO BE UNVEILED

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17

PRAYER:

"Lord, you told us in your Word that false religions and deceptive ideologies would blind men and women to the truths of the gospel. I see that happening all around the world today, and I pray that You would unveil the cross and that the veil on minds and spirits would be taken away. I pray that people would see You, Your Truth, and find freedom in Your Spirit."

04. PRAY FOR FAITH AND AGAINST FEAR

This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8

PRAYER:

"God, You told us that you have given Your followers a spirit of power. I pray that believers would be set free from a spirit of fear of what may happen, and boldly proclaim Your truth. Help people to find strength in You, and not be afraid of what You call them to do. Help all of us to be unconcerned with what the world says, or what the consequences may be, and let us recognize Your power within us to share the Truth in love."

05. PRAY FOR THE WORD OF GOD TO RISE

The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

ISAIAH 55:10-11

PRAYER:

"Lord, Your Word is so much more powerful than anything I can say. It is a mighty lion that needs to be unleashed. I pray that Your people would hunger for Your Word. I pray that You would give Your people creative ways to translate your Word in written, oral, musical, and dramatic forms and that it would rise!"

06. PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT WILL BE POURED OUT ON ALL FLESH

Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike...But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

JOEL 2:28-32

PRAYER:

"God, You promised to pour out Your Spirit on all flesh, men and women, young and old, rich and poor. I pray that You would pour out Your Spirit on all people, that they would see dreams and visions of Jesus, that they would be powerfully saved, and that they would be empowered to be Your witnesses to others."

07. PRAY THAT JESUS WOULD UNITE THE BODY OF CHRIST

I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me,

so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

JOHN 17:20-23

PRAYER:

“Jesus, I know that You want Your followers to be unified. I pray that You would unite the body of Christ, and that Christians from around the world would work together to reach the Unreached, and that the Unreached would be joined to the body of Christ. Do not let us become distracted by our own egos, but let our only desires be to have Your Name be lifted up and to see all people come to know You.”

08. PRAY FOR GOOD SOIL

Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as

had been planted! Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand... The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!

MATTHEW 13:3-9, 19-23

PRAYER:

"Lord, I pray that hearts would be good soil, ready to hear the gospel and respond. I pray that hard soil would be softened to become good soil. I pray that people would hear the truth of Your love, and be compelled to respond and say 'yes' to You."

09. PRAY FOR PEACE

Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper.

PSALM 122:6

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

JOHN 14:27

If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you.

LUKE 10:6

PRAYER:

"Jesus, Your Word tells us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and those we live among. I pray that the Unreached would experience peace not only in their nation, but also deeply in their hearts. I pray for the peace that results when men and women are reconciled with You, and I pray that we would become men and women of peace."

10. PRAY FOR BOLD PROCLAMATION

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-5

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

PRAYER:

"God, I pray that believers would proclaim the message of the gospel clearly, making the most of every opportunity You place before them. Help us to listen to Your voice, and never give up the chance to demonstrate Your love to the people around us. I pray that we would be witnesses in our communities, nation, and world."

11. PRAY AGAINST WORKS-BASED SALVATION AND LEGALISM

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

PRAYER:

"Father, I pray against the idea that anyone can find salvation and freedom through their own works. I pray that people would understand that there is nothing that we can do to make ourselves worthy of your love, grace, forgiveness, and acceptance, so nothing that we do can save us. Let people understand that hope for forgiveness and acceptance with You is only through Jesus' work on the cross."

12. PRAY FOR JOY IN PERSECUTION

Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

1 PETER 2:21-23

PRAYER:

"God, we know that the church grows the most when persecution is present. I pray that believers will endure persecution in a Christ-like manner, and that they would be willing to give their lives for the sake of the gospel if that is what is called for. Help them to have supernatural strength to endure whatever comes their way, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally."

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO NEED GOD

God desires everyone to know Him. He says in His Word that He would leave the ninety-nine to go after the one who doesn't know Him. As followers of Christ, we are called to partner with Him, praying for those who don't know Him to come to know Him.

01. ASK THE FATHER TO DRAW THEM TO JESUS

God draws people to Him. It's not something we can make happen out of our own efforts, so we need to be faithful in praying that the Father would draw those He's placed on our hearts to Jesus.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them...

JOHN 6:44

Think about the people you know who are far from God. Let your heart be open to God and anyone He may bring to your mind. It may help to write down their names as you focus on praying for them.

PRAYER:

"Father, I pray for the people around me (list specific names), that You would supernaturally draw their hearts to You. Send Your Holy Spirit to them, and give them the desire to give their lives to You. Help them to recognize their longing for more in life as a spiritual thirst only You can quench. Open their ears to hear Your voice."

02. BIND THE SPIRIT THAT BLINDS THEIR MINDS

The truth can be right in front of some people, and they still can't see it because something is in the way blocking their view of God.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4

We can pray against whatever is in their way so that they can see the light of God. We can also pray that they would see the truth without any obstacles or distractions interfering.

PRAYER:

"Father, bind the evil spirits that are blinding the minds of the people around me. In the name of Jesus, I pray that they would be able to see clearly, to recognize who You are, and to give their hearts to You. Remove all hindrances the enemy would use to distract them from Your truth. Open their eyes, Lord, that they might see Jesus."

03. PRAY THAT THEY MAY HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Many people think Christianity is just another religion. They only see God through the lens of the organization and institution of the church. They may even feel frustrated, angry, or betrayed by people in churches they have encountered or by religious legalists and their hypocrisy. But God didn't come to build an organization. He came to have a relationship with His children.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father."

ROMANS 8:15

God wants His beloved sons and daughters to come home. Praying for people to have personal encounters with the living God makes a huge difference.

PRAYER:

"Father, I pray that people will understand how much You love them. Loose the Spirit of adoption for the people around me, so that they come into a meaningful relationship with You. Stir in their hearts a longing to come home, to hear Your voice, and to see You welcoming them with open arms. Let them know You are always running to meet them and hold them close."

04. PRAY FOR BELIEVERS TO CROSS THEIR PATHS

This is twofold: we can pray for other Christians to influence the people around them positively, and we can also look for opportunities to influence others positively ourselves. God's plan to reach people is worked through those who already know

and love Him. Jesus asked us to pray for people to go into the world to be salt and light. He came to bring the good news of the Gospel to all people, and His desire is that everyone would know and love Him.

*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into His harvest field.*

MATTHEW 9:38

As His "spiritual farmers," we should be attuned to opportunities to plant spiritual seeds in the lives of the people we encounter each day. We may have no idea who has already been praying for them and the culminating impact our kind word, compassionate act, or loving attitude can have to draw someone to Christ.

PRAYER:

"Father, I pray for the lost around me to meet believers who will influence them in a positive way. Lord, let my life shine in such a way that people want to know the God I serve. Allow others to see my genuine love and concern for them in all that I say and do. Let me be Your hands and feet to serve them and let them know just how much You love them."

05. RELEASE THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION ON THEM, SO THEY MAY KNOW GOD BETTER

It's that "eureka" moment, that "aha!" when it finally clicks. People need to see their own sin, see what Jesus did on the cross, and see the hope that comes from giving their life to God.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

EPHESIANS 1:17

People need wisdom, not just knowledge, of spiritual things and insight into how spiritual realities directly impact them. We can pray for this kind of supernatural revelation that only comes from God.

PRAYER:

"Father, I pray for the people around me to experience the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. I pray that they would truly understand their spiritual condition and see what Jesus did for them on the cross. Help them to have the information and experiences needed to come to You, so they can understand all You have for them."

ONE SENTENCE PRAYERS

Prayer is, at its core, a conversation with God. Our prayers don't have to be long or eloquent – they just need to come from a genuine heart. One sentence prayers can be powerful expressions of faith and trust in God's character.

When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!

MATTHEW 6:7-8

I love You.

Thank You, Jesus.

You are perfect and holy, Lord.

You are awesome, God.

Thank You for Your faithfulness.

You are the Most High, Almighty God.

You are righteous and good.

You are sufficient.

You are our guardian and defender.

You are our safe haven and our hope.

Teach me to listen to Your voice today.

Help me understand Your will.

God, please go before me.

Holy Spirit be with me.

Give me Your heart for the people I meet today.

Fill me and anoint me.

Change my heart and purify me.

Give me Your wisdom.

Open my eyes to see You.

Protect my mind, soul, and spirit.

Make my life a prayer to You.

Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your joy.

Forgive my wandering thoughts.

Father, help me be still and not miss Your presence.

Yahweh, show me Your glory.

Help me do what pleases You today.

Lord, what's on Your heart? What do You want?

Help everyone in this room find salvation in You.

Lord, fill my soul with Your peace.

PERSONAL PRAYER FOCUS

God has put us on the earth at this specific time for a reason. He says in Acts 17:26 that He determined when and where we would live. Knowing this, we can look at those around us at this specific time in history, and take personal responsibility to pray.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

Pray for those in authority and those under your authority. Pray for those in your family and your circle of influence (anyone you're connected to). Write down the names of specific people and situations and pray for them.

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FINAL PRAYER

Our prayer every day is that we would grow closer to Jesus, and become more like Him—that our thoughts would become His thoughts, and that what breaks His heart would break our hearts. Our final prayer in this guide comes from Psalm 139:

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me
and know my anxious thoughts. See if there
is any offensive way in me, and lead me
in the way everlasting.*

PSALM 139:23–24

PRAYER:

“Father God, I ask You to search my heart. If You find anything in me that is offensive, please show me and help me remove it from my life. Lead me to live a life that draws people to You. Help me live my life on earth in a way that impacts eternity. Let there be a shrinking distance between my values and my behaviors. Let me live what I believe is valuable. Help me make it both a discipline and a state to abide in You. Amen.”

