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Powerful Prayer

James 5:16

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

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- *Heaven is full of answers to prayers that have never been prayed.*
- *It's not the length of time you spend praying, but whether you connect with God that counts.*
- *God's people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge, not prayers.*
- *Our expectation is God's invitation.*
- *Prayer always has a definite purpose.*
- *Earth's petition connects with Heaven's provision.*

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Chapter 1

The Purpose

To encourage a Word based Spirit-filled prayer lifestyle

So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.
Luke 5:16

God's Delight

*As for the saints who are on the earth,
'They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.'*
Psalm 16:3

*I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*
Psalm 34:1

*How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they would be more in number than the
sand;
When I awake, I am still with You.*
Psalm 139:17-18

God is totally consumed with us. We are His delight, and His thoughts towards us have no limit. They are like the never ending sands on the seashore, and all speak of His everlasting love for us.

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The big question is, what is our response? Do we delight in Him as much as He delights in us? It is amazing that whereas we fall short of perfection, God still finds all His delight in us. It stands to reason that if God is completely and utterly perfect and worthy of our total devotion, then why should we be distracted by anything else less worthy?

This speaks of lifestyle. When our lives are oriented to Him in prayer and worship, other things cannot get our attention and distract us from the greatest pursuit of life.

My prayer is that 'Where Heaven and Earth Meet: Powerful Prayer' will encourage you to fulfill the call on your life to put God and His will in the center of your passion.

He gave His only begotten Son to bring us to Himself and make our hearts His eternal home. He is looking for continued intimacy and is awaiting our response on a daily basis.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

James 4:8

Establish A Lifestyle Of Devotion

A lifestyle is something which is customary or characteristic. Does your devotion to God characterize your life or is it merely part of who you are and what you do? Are you satisfied with mere 'devotions', or are you ready for a journey where you cultivate a 'lifestyle of devotion?'

Our devotion to God ought not to be restricted to a particular place and time, say Sunday morning church. Our relationship with God should find expression in any place at any time.

Intimacy can be cultivated. Use 'Where Heaven and Earth Meet' to establish a regular 'practice' of prayer, worship and intercession. Make entering into God's presence a holy habit that spills over into your everyday living. When you do, you will begin to walk under an 'open heaven' wherever you go, and enjoy the benefits of continual fellowship with your loving Creator.

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Broaden your practice of prayer from the 'formal' moments when you pray, to the 'informal' continual unceasing awareness of God in Your life. As you practice abiding in Jesus, you will experience more and more of His abiding presence, comfort and wisdom in your daily walk.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:7

The Power Twins: Word And The Spirit

I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:15-16

God has given you the power twins of praying (and worshipping) 'with the understanding' – the Word, and 'with the spirit' – the Holy Spirit's supernatural utterance in tongues. It is up to you to develop both these areas of prayer. Faith will arise as you yield to praying in both these ways. A good workman will know how and when to apply what is appropriate at any time.

Praying With The Word

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

1 John 5:14-15

When you use the prayers in the various focus areas of this 'Where Heaven and Earth Meet', you will be praying according to the Word. God's word is the language of prayer, or the medium of exchange in the relationship between Him and His children. It is true that God's

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people perish not so much for a lack of prayers, but for a lack of knowledge of His will.

Most Christians pray, but even though they may be entirely sincere, their prayers are often 'off target' at times because they are not based on the Word. The solution of course, is to get the Word solidly built into your heart so that it will come out in prayer, no matter the circumstance.

When prayer is scriptural, God is put in remembrance of His covenant promises He has made. He is committed to watch over these promises to make them come to pass in your life as you stand in faith.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...

Colossians 3:16

Praying With The Spirit

If you are unfamiliar with the present day supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit, and how it relates to prayer, at this point open your heart to what God wants to impart to you. Read Chapter 5 carefully and yield to the precious Holy Spirit whom Jesus has sent to help you pray and worship effectively.

For those already familiar with the Holy Spirit's supernatural utterance ministry in your life, be reminded that God expects you to cooperate and co-labor with the Holy Spirit in prayer. He wants not only to lead you in the areas that you are to pray for at any time, but also to give you the supernatural utterance in tongues to pray in areas and in a manner that goes way beyond your own resources. He wants to help you pray supernaturally, and get supernatural results.

Chapter 2

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The role we have to play

*Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.*

Matthew 6:10

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Heaven and Earth meet when man's petitions intersect God's provision.

Prayer is not some dutiful religious exercise to keep us busy, but a vital expression of a dynamic relationship with our Almighty Covenant Father in Heaven. He requires that we connect with Him in order to establish His kingdom and will on earth.

God's desires prayer be a delightful, fulfilling and fruitful experience where we co-labor with Him to extend His kingdom on Earth. He has chosen us to go in His name under His divine direction and in His power to proclaim and demonstrate His goodness to a world that desperately needs heaven's touch. Prayer is the foundation for a fruitful life and ministry.

God has given both His **Word** and **Spirit** to help us connect with Him in fruitful prayer. We have to do the praying, and He does the

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helping! To be heard in Heaven we must pray on target. To be on target, prayer must be in harmony with His revealed will.

Prayer is not reserved for the super spiritual either. Elijah was a man with passions just like anyone else, yet his prayers had dramatic impact because of his faith. He was able to connect Heaven and Earth with prayer. Like Elijah, we should always pray with expectancy that God will honor what He has promised.

Prayer Has A Protocol And Pattern

And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray:

Matthew 6:5-9

To enjoy prayer's **delight**, we must align with the **discipline** of the Word. Jesus taught that prayer must be:

- **Spontaneous and sincere:** 'not like' the hypocrites. This speaks of the motives of a pure heart.
- **Specific:** 'do not use vain repetitions.' This underscores the importance of believing when you pray. There is no need to nag or beg God for what He has promised.

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- **Scriptural:** 'in this manner.' Here the manner of approach is highlighted. God is orderly in all that He does, and He expects us to be the same.

Prayer Has A Three-fold Focus

The **first** focus in prayer is where we adore the Lord in our 'devotions' through prayers of worship, and also through music and singing of praise to God.

Second, God expects us to pray for our own personal needs to be met in 'petitions' according to the promises He has made in His Word.

Third, we are to offer prayer for the needs of others in 'intercession' and 'supplication'.

All three focuses are valid and necessary expressions of prayer, and 'Where Heaven and Earth Meet' seeks to provide you with the tools to build these into a balanced and Spirit led prayer lifestyle.

Mix It Up

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song...

Revelation 5:8

This picture of the throne room in heaven shows that worship (the harps), and prayer (bowls of incense) go hand in hand in a proper approach to God. An atmosphere of thanksgiving, praise and worship is always appropriate in God's presence. He is to be honored, not only for what He has done for us, but also simply for whom He is as the almighty and Holy God.

Jesus, Paul and Luke all show that prayer and worship are closely connected.

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Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name...

Matthew 6:9

...do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

Ephesians 1:15

Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God.

Acts 16:25

The apostle John even went so far as to say that God hears the prayer of the worshiper whose heart is turned towards Him. God readily answers the prayers of those who express their faith in Him through praise and worship from a sincere and thankful heart.

Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

John 9:31

God is always worthy of your worship, so when you pray, be sure to 'mix it up' as you pray.

Spiritual Hunger And Prayer

People pray all around the world to all sorts of gods, seeking to quench their spiritual hunger. Only the true God truly fulfills mankind's spiritual hunger and thirst. Let the Lord fill your cup as you practice a more fulfilling prayer experience.

Some argue that they are simply not very spiritual. Prayer is not their thing. However scripture teaches that a person's spiritual hunger or spiritual 'temperature' is a function of the **choices** they make to draw near to God, and not a matter of **chance**.

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Revelation 3:18-19

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Jesus counsels the lukewarm Laodicean Church to do something about their spiritual condition. He expected them, to be passionate in their devotion towards Him, and make the choices it takes to follow Him closely. Nothing less than being totally sold out to Him will do. He knocks on the door of the believer's heart and seeks to be let in.

There is much clutter filling up the lives of many Christians. This must be set aside to make room for God so that a level of intimacy that is pleasing to the Lord can be developed.

Effective prayer is sustained by conviction and not convenience. With God's help we are expected to discipline our flesh and overcome its weakness. When we let our spirits (indwelt by the strengthening Holy Spirit) gain ascendancy over the flesh, we establish a disciplined lifestyle and remain effectively 'hot' for God.

Be practical. Establish a daily custom or habit of prayer. Choose a suitable place for prayer where you can focus on God. It may be your room with the doors shut to keep out distractions. Be sure to switch off any phone, TV, computer etc., so that you can focus on God alone. Multi tasking is not the thing to do here.

Personally, I like to walk and pray. It helps me focus, and I get good exercise too as side benefit. Do whatever it takes in your situation to be disciplined. You will begin to enjoy the delight of prayer when you are disciplined and continue with a good prayer habit.

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Chapter 3

Definitions

God has chosen certain ways to approach Him with precision

The following definitions will help you understand what the Bible meanings are for various aspects of your devotion to the Lord. When you pray, understand the different elements and build them into your relationship with God.

Prayer:

A two way act of communicating with God, and He with us.

Thanksgiving:

Expressed gratefulness for something God has already done on your behalf.

Praise:

Joyful, exuberant lifting up of God's name (usually in song) for what He has done.

Worship:

Reverential and intimate adoration of His person.

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Intercession:

To plead the case on behalf of another in need. It also means to 'stand in the gap' for someone.

Petition:

To ask God to do that which you know through His Word He has promised to do.

Supplication:

To beseech or implore the Lord for a need to be met.

Fast:

To abstain from either some type of food or all food during a set time period for spiritual purposes.

Chapter 4

Different Types Of Prayer

God has revealed different ways in which we are to approach Him in prayer

...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...

Ephesians 6:18

There are a number of different types of prayer that can be offered to God. Prayer can and should be much deeper than a 'one prayer fits all' approach.

The following is a summary of the 'tools' you can use in your prayer 'toolbox'. They work together like fingers on a hand. For example, the 'prayer of worship' on page 68 in Section B is like the thumb on your hand. It can be used in combination with all the others. You achieve so much more in prayer when you apply the appropriate prayer to the situation.

It is no use praying a prayer of consecration: 'Lord if it be your will', when you are praying a prayer of intercession for unity among believers or churches. The Bible clearly teaches that it is God's will for His children to walk in unity, and so prayer offered for this must be clear and definite.

Types Of Prayer

Prayer of Worship: *'adoration of the Lord's name.'*

(Matthew 6:9)

- His name represents all He is and does for us. Our worship honors Him.

Prayer of Supplication: *'heart felt, fervent plea for a need.'*

(Daniel 9:2-3, 17-18)

- Personal and corporate (church wide) supplication for a need to be met.

Prayer of Faith: *'Whatever things you ask when you pray...'*

(Mark 11:23-24)

- Faith's operation: where you ask God for something and boldly say it in prayer knowing it is His will.

Prayer of Agreement: *'If two of you agree...'*

(Matthew 18:18-20)

- Where two harmonize together in asking specifically with authority.

Prayer of Consecration: *'...if it be your will.'*

(Luke 22:42)

- Vow to yield to God's plan when not sure or tempted to take the easy route.

Prayer of Vigilance: *'watch and pray.'*

(Matthew 26:41)

- Be awake, alert, watchful and vigilant for any spiritual attack. God gives you a 'heads up' perspective of what is about to happen so you can be prepared and act / react appropriately.

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Prayer of Intercession: *'to plead on behalf of someone'*
(1 Timothy 2:1)

- Jesus prayed for Peter's faith not to fail.
(Luke 22:31-32)
- Jesus prayed for unity amongst believers.
(John 17)
- Paul requests prayer for all saints and himself.
(Ephesians 6:18-20)
- Paul instructs us to pray for all men and all those in authority.
(1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Pray for the lost in need of Jesus as Savior and Lord.
(Isaiah 66:8 / Galatians 4:19)

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Chapter 5

Praying In The Spirit

God has given us the Holy Spirit to be our supernatural helper in prayer

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26

Scriptural Foundation For Speaking In Tongues

The Bible makes it clear that the power of the Holy Spirit is given for the purpose of effective witness.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

This involves not only boldness or (power) to proclaim the gospel to every creature, but to also effectively lay a prayer foundation for any gospel witness.

The fulfillment of this promise is found later in the book of Acts when the Holy Spirit was poured out on believers who had already been born again and received the Spirit to live within them. Jesus had already 'breathed' on them to receive the Holy Spirit after His resurrection. Now they were to be empowered for supernatural witness.

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When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20:19-23

It is clear from these two scriptures at least, that the empowerment for service (and the manifestation of speaking in tongues) was a subsequent ministry of the Holy Spirit after imparting the nature of God into a new believer at the born again experience.

One further ministry moment recorded in Acts 19:1-6, confirms this pattern. Paul ministered the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues by the laying on of hands to newly born again believers who, up to this point, had only heard about repentance and believing on the Lord. Apollos had preached to them earlier on.

Carefully reflect on verse two where they admitted not even knowing anything about the Holy Spirit when they first believed!

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

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So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Acts 19:1-6

To effectively pray in the Spirit or in tongues for yourself and others in intercession it is essential to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues.

This is not to say that a good number of sincere Christians who have the Lord living on the inside of them by the Holy Spirit cannot pray effectively. We all have the mighty Word to pray God's will down on Earth as it is Heaven. Yet there is a place where our understanding may be limited. There are many situations where we simply do not know exactly what to pray for even as we ought to. Here is where the all knowing Holy Spirit, our 'Helper', comes alongside to take hold together with us against the problem.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26-27

In cases like this we must learn to yield to the Holy Spirit who prays through us in the Spirit or 'tongues'. The groanings speak of intense intercession that cannot be uttered in articulate speech, only through the medium of utterances from deep within our bellies or spirits.

Three Main Purposes Of Praying In The Spirit / Tongues

There are three main areas in which speaking in tongues are described in scripture.

First, speaking or praying in tongues serves to magnify or lift up God in worshipful adoration. Here ordinary words are inadequate to praise God, so the Holy Spirit helps us worship the Father in the spirit with supernatural utterance in tongues. As we yield to Him we even speak 'mysteries' directed towards God in worship.

And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Acts 10:45-46

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

1 Corinthians 14:2

Second, speaking in tongues is given for the edification of saints in their spirit. This can be expressed both privately and publicly. To edify means to 'be strengthened or built up by the Holy Spirit within.'

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,...

Jude 20

Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

1 Corinthians 14:12

In the second scripture above, instruction is given that any spiritual gift exercised in the corporate church context ought to be exercised for the edification or building up of the whole church, and not just the individual exercising the gift.

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That is why when someone prays in a tongue publicly, there should be an interpretation, but not necessarily when they are praying in tongues as unto God for the purpose of their own personal edification.

Third, praying in tongues serves to help in intercession where the individual (or prayer group gathered for this purpose) 'pleads on behalf of others.' The apostle Paul asked for intercessory prayer to cover his ministry.

...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, and for me, that utterance may be given to me,...

Ephesians 6:18-19

As in other areas of our walk with the Lord, the Holy Spirit takes hold of a situation in prayer together with us and thus becomes our 'Helper' as He is called.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

John 16:7

Learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in praying for yourself and others both with the understanding (using the Word) and also with the Spirit (in tongues).

What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:15

Release your faith in the 'direction' of your praying in tongues. If you are worship and fellowshiping with God in tongues release the utterance to Him. When praying in tongues to be built up in the spirit, release your faith in that direction. When interceding for others in tongues expect to pray in that direction too.

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Trust God that your utterance will truly be different as you yield to the Holy Spirit in faith.

Prayer To Receive The Holy Spirit's Power For Witness

God is always ready to pour out His power in your life. If you are ready and thirsty for more of God, pray this prayer in simple faith. When you ask to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, rest assured that He is exactly who you will get. Relax, take a breath and pray this prayer:

'Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to You in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I ask You to baptize me in the Holy Spirit to empower me for service. I now yield myself to Him alone. I expect to speak in tongues right now and magnify You as the only true God.

In Jesus Name, Amen.'

Do not rely on any feelings. Expect to speak in tongues as the initial evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. He gives the utterance, but you still have to yield to Him working in and through you, and do the speaking. He will not force you to do something against your will, but does expect you to actively cooperate with Him by opening your mouth, taking a breath and speaking in a tongue or language unknown to your natural mind.

If you feel that you need assistance, you may want to ask a spiritual leader who is already baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues to pray and lay hands on you according to the scriptures. This is too precious an experience to miss out on through hesitancy, timidity or limited knowledge (Acts 19:6).

Chapter 6

Who To Pray For

Pray for yourself and all men

When you pray, say: ...

Luke 11:2

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

1 Timothy 2:1

We have seen that prayer has a threefold focus: to the Lord in devotion, for our own needs in petition, and for the needs of others in intercession. Prayer can be subdivided into various categories as follows.

1 Personal Prayer

(Where your own needs are met).

*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.*

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*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Matthew 6:9-13

You cannot expect to be a blessing to others when you yourself are continually struggling and oppressed. It is therefore not selfish but smart and scriptural to pray for your own needs to be met. Start here, but of course don't stop at this level.

Jesus teaches us to pray according to an outline pattern that summarizes all the key areas of our lives. Pray to the Father in Jesus name according to His will (already revealed in His Word), and your prayers will be heard (1 John 5:14-15).

Always mix faith (expectancy) with your prayers. God has promised to deliver on what He has promised. Be convinced of the integrity of His Word.

Do not base your prayer on feelings, for they change from day to day. When you pray in faith according to the Word, you always get through to God. This assumes of course that your heart is right and you are not holding onto some unforgiveness or regarding any iniquity.

Jesus gave us the prayer pattern we should follow. This pattern summarizes all the key areas of life.

'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name'

Parenting: God as our father and proper worship.

'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is heaven.'

Purpose: His kingdom must be built.

'Give us this day our daily bread.'

Provision: He gives us what we need to fulfill our purpose.

'Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.'

People: He helps us with the key ingredient in relationships.

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'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Protection: He promises to protect us against harm.

'For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory.'

Priorities: He establishes the priorities of our life.

A sample prayer to use as your foundation is given on page 47 in Section B.

2 Local And Corporate Church

(Where the needs of the church are met).

...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints and for me...

Ephesians 6:18-19

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:42-43

God expects us to pray unceasingly for one another. Both leaders and the congregation must make this kind of prayer a lifestyle of intercession.

Daily prayers characterized the early church, and ought to be the foundation of any local church or ministry. Churches rise and fall on the backs of its leaders. As a leader goes or grows so does the church. So pray regularly for your leaders. They may be anointed to preach and lead, but they still face the same difficulties as you do. They need your prayer support.

Sample prayers to use in praying for your church leaders and the Body of Christ as a whole are found on page 51-58 in Section B.

3 Ministries My Church Supports

(Together everyone achieves more).

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15-16

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ...

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

God's plan to reach the world for Jesus includes those that actually reach out, and those that send them out from their local church. Support their work with finances and consistent prayer.

The scriptural way to pray for them is as follows: that God would prosper their work and grant them...

- Wisdom and spiritual strength to grow.
- Personal health, provision, protection and favor with all men.
- Open doors of opportunity and fruit from their ministry.
- Protection and provision for their families and co-laborers too.

4 Those In Authority

(God is the God of order and peace).

For all men, for kings, and all in authority...

1 Timothy 2:1-2

*Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a reproach to any people.*

Proverbs 14:34

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Make it your priority to obey God's command to first pray for those in authority. The Body of Christ should influence the community at all levels through its leaders in all fields, and not the other way round.

We are called to be 'salt' and 'light' in a world that has spiritual decay and darkness. Fulfill this call by committing to a lifestyle of prayer and witness.

Prayer for all men and those in authority is a vital part in this process of influencing the nation towards righteousness.

When you influence the influencers in a society you impact the whole society. Remember, a church, corporation, community, or nation rises (and falls) to the level of its leadership.

Pray for those in authority using the following categories. Think of various officials that you know are serving in these positions of authority and influence.

- Local, State or Provincial and National Levels of Government
- Legislative / Judicial / Executive Branches of Government
- Law enforcement and Emergency Services
Police / Drug / Medical / Fire
- National Security, Intelligence Agencies
- Branches of the Military
Army / Navy / Air Force / Special Forces
- Educational Authorities at all levels and types
Schools / Universities / Colleges / Institutes
- Business and Economic Leaders:
Agriculture / Manufacturing / Marketing

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- Media and Communications:
TV / Radio / Movie industry / Newspapers / Magazines
Internet / Video and Video Gaming.

5 Pray For Your Nation And The Nations Of The World

(The church is called to pray for and disciple whole nations).

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. **2 Chronicles 7:13-15***

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations
Matthew 28:19

God's wants 'every creature' to hear the gospel, and even for whole nations to be discipled. That's how big He thinks. He wants us to think big and pray big too.

God always works through His people to bring the good news of redemption. He has called the body of Christ in a nation to be 'salt and light' in that nation. As such, we are therefore responsible to ensure that we fulfill that call.

As His representatives in the nation, we are expected to pray and obey, for prayer without obedience is empty. We are His hands and feet in the nation He has planned to touch through us.

Nations or diverse identifiable people groups are God's idea, and He wants Christians to keep their focus on the proclaiming a gospel which is common to all cultures.

As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.
Genesis 17:4-5

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*Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for Your inheritance,
and the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

Psalm 2:8

His heart is for whole nations to turn to Him and establish cultures that honor Him. Pray for believers to rise up and be the powerful witness God has called them to be in their nation.

Pray also for missionaries to be sent to nations that do not yet have an effective Gospel witness. Where possible list the leaders of the nation, and pray specifically for them.

6 Pray For The Nation Of Israel

(The Jewish people of Israel gave us the Savior and the Word).

*I will bless those who bless you. And I will curse him who curses you... **Genesis 12:3***

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you.

Psalm 122:6

*Let Israel now say —
'If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
When men rose up against us,
Then they would have swallowed us alive,...'*

Psalm 124:1-3

Scripture teaches that the person (people) who bless Israel will be blessed themselves. It was through the Jewish people that the world was blessed with its savior: Jesus Christ. The Word of God was also delivered to us through the Jewish people.

We know from the rest of scripture that God loves all mankind, and has a plan for all people groups to be reached with the gospel and disciple. This includes Israel which at this point in time is largely a secular based society.

7 Pray For Unbelievers You Know To get Saved

(Those the Lord puts on your heart to pray for).

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,...

Galatians 4:19

This prayer focus prepares the hearts of people who need to get saved, much like tilling the soil for seed about to be planted and watered. Please note that:

- God desires all men to be saved from sin.
2 Peter 3:9
- God wants whole households saved.
Acts 16:31
- All mankind must confess Jesus as Lord.
Romans 10:9-10
- Satan blinds the minds of the unbelieving.
2 Corinthians 4:4
- We as believers are responsible to proclaim the gospel.
Mark 16:15-16

In the light of the above, the **scriptural** way to reach unbelievers, is to agree with God's plan, play your part and pray as follows:

- Pray for laborers to cross the path of the unsaved. (Be sensitive and prepared to go yourself).
Luke 10:2
- Pray for believers (yourself included) to have boldness and wisdom to speak to the lost.
Acts 4:29

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- Pray for satan who blinds the minds of the unsaved to be bound.
Matthew 16:19
- Pray for God’s Word to penetrate doubt and unbelief. Agree in faith that when it is spoken God is watching over it, convicting the sinner of their need to accept Jesus.
Psalm 119:130

8 Pray For Fellow Believers To Be Strengthened

(Those the Lord puts on your heart to pray for).

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,...

Colossians 1:9

We all need wisdom and strength to live the life of faith. We all face temptations to be discouraged, have decisions to make and comfort in times of trial. God has called every believer to play their part in standing alongside their fellow believer in prayer.

The Bible teaches that two are better than one. As we pray for one another we go further in the things of God than if we tried to go it alone. Not only did the great apostle Paul ask for prayer support (1 Thessalonians 5:25), but the Lord Jesus found it necessary in His time of need to ask His disciples to stand with Him in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:28).

In this resource, sample prayers that you can pray for your fellow believers are found in two chapters of Section B: Chapter 2 - Local and Corporate Church, and Chapter 5 - Praying the Word.

A Note On Prayer And Spiritual Warfare

Prayer is the means by which God’s will is established in our lives and in the lives of others we intercede (pray) for. God’s covenant provision and protection is accessed by our faith, and as we learn to

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walk in obedience, we enjoy the benefits of God's enlightenment and strength.

Our adversary cannot stand against a people who know who they are in Christ, and who Christ is in them. Spiritual warfare is more to do with keeping your eyes on Jesus than it is 'fighting the devil and demons' in some odd warfare prayer practice rooted in the flesh rather than in the Spirit.

Neither Jesus nor the apostles prayed 'against' satan and evil spirits. They always directed their prayers and intercessions to God the Father for their own spiritual well-being and alertness.

For example, when Jesus was faced with intense spiritual pressure in the Garden of Gethsemane, He spoke of praying to be spiritually alert and vigilant, and not about 'binding' some evil religious spirit in Jerusalem at the time!

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Jesus also prayed for unity among believers (John 17), and that Peter's faith would not fail (Luke 22:31-32). The focus was always on standing strong in their relationships with God and with one another. When these relationships are vibrant and real, the adversary has no place to move, and the gospel advances more readily.

Intercession keeps the focus on what God is doing, and not on what the adversary is up to. Do not make his deeds the focus of your attention. Keep God and His praises central to your prayer life.

Chapter 7

How To Use Powerful Prayer

To use alongside your Bible, your greatest 'prayer book'

I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:15

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

Personal Or Private Prayer

Keep this book handy, and develop a habit of using it alongside your Bible when you pray. Don't see this practice as mechanical but as a means to broaden and sharpen your prayer effectiveness.

Learn to be flexible by allowing the Lord to highlight areas you are to focus on each day. He may wish you to pray more for your family one week, then your church the next and so on. Don't try to cover every area every day in some sort of religious exercise.

Familiarize yourself with the supporting scriptures so that they become part of your prayer vocabulary. Avoid lazily settling back into a

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limited pattern of prayer where you hardly use any scripture in repetitive prayers that, after a while, have no faith or meaning to them. Your relationship with the Lord is a living one, not a religious set of empty ritualistic prayers and procedures.

Where possible, personalize your prayers by inserting people's names in your prayers. Use the interactive parts and write out the names of people and groups you are praying for.

Use this prayer book in your private prayer times, as well as in corporate prayer, where you pray along with others in unified public prayer. Such prayer offered out loud and in unison is also scriptural. Remember, when you pray the Word in faith it always profits you. Effectual fervent prayer produces much.

Make appropriate changes to the printed prayers to make them suitable for public group prayer. Example: change 'I' to 'we' and 'us' or 'our' where necessary. It helps people identify with the prayer leaders as they pray.

Public Prayer Meetings

And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, ...

Acts 4:23-24

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31

In this public prayer meeting they were all together and raised their voices in unified prayer to God. They faced the threat together, used relevant scripture and yielded themselves to be (re) filled with the Holy Spirit so that they could continue to boldly proclaim God's Word in the face of the serious opposition that had arisen. Praying out loud with

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other believers is thus a powerful practice. However, don't think that simply praying long, hard and loud on its own is going to do it.

Join with likeminded believers in group prayers of agreement when you feel intimidated in any situation not to continue your bold witness for Christ. Of course this need not be the only reason to come into agreement with fellow believers in prayer.

Public prayer meetings should be called under the leading of the Holy Spirit. The power of agreement (Matthew 18:18-20) can be used to focus on a variety of themes: unity, upcoming church meetings, outreach efforts, praying for the nation, etc.

I have found it useful to have one or at most three prayer leaders who lead the group. The purpose in this type of meeting is for the congregation or group to harmonize and agree with the particular prayer focus as led by the prayer leaders.

Public prayer meetings are maximized when people do not go off on different tangents praying their own agenda or even 'catching up' on their own Bible reading or personal prayer requests. In a public prayer meeting there must be a common focus of the prayer; otherwise all you have is a collection of individuals praying individually to God. It is the prayer leaders responsibility to ensure that the meeting keeps its focus and order.

Follow these **tips for praying together** to maximize your time together and maintain a Spirit led focus:

- Pray **purposefully**: establish the main points of focus.
Speak to God not about Him in veiled sermonizing.
- Pray **prophetically**: what you are asking God to do in faith.
Do not merely comment about what has happened.
- Pray **publicly**: use 'we' instead of 'I' so that others can identify.
Agree with affirmations of agreement: 'amen' / 'yes'...

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- Pray **powerfully**: yield to the Holy Spirit's inspiration.
Pray from the heart to invoke God's promised provision.

At all times yield to the Holy Spirit who knows the heart and / or emphasis of the Father at any one time. God has a strategy, and He wants us to be in tune with what He is doing and when He is doing it.

Remember that prayer is not so much getting your technique right as a faith relationship with a living Savior who wants you to prosper in whatever you are engaged in to His glory.

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Chapter 1

Personal Prayer

Where your own needs are met - Matthew 6:9-13—God's personal prayer pattern

'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name'

Parenting

Dear Heavenly Father,

*I acknowledge with thanksgiving that You are my loving Father, the giver of life. Thank You for accepting me into Your family.
(John 1:12)*

*I bless Your Holy name: the name of The Lord Jesus Christ.
(Psalm 134:1)*

'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is heaven.'

Purpose

*I honor You as the God of purpose, and pray that Your purposes and plans are established in my life, family, vocation and church.
(Romans 8:28)*

*I pray that You would draw the people in my neighborhood and city to Yourself by Your Spirit and my witness.
(Jeremiah 29:7)*

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'Give us this day our daily bread.'

Provision

Thank You Lord for Your promised covenant provision in my life: Spirit-soul and body, and that all my material needs are met according to your riches in glory.

(3 John 2; Philippians 4:19)

'Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.'

People

May Your unconditional love be released to and through me today. I forgive those that have sinned against me, even those at home, at work and even in my church community.

(Romans 5:5; Matthew 5:44)

'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Protection

I pray that You strengthen me to stand my ground against evil as Your word operates in my life to resist temptation and the devil. In faith, the spiritual armor (shield of faith / sword of the spirit / breastplate of righteousness / belt of truth / shoes of peace / helmet of salvation) you have given me, will keep me from all harm.

(Ephesians 4:27; Matthew 4:4; Ephesians 6:11)

'For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory.'

Priorities

Lord, I commit to put Your agenda first place in my life, and I give You all the glory for any good thing in my life!

In Jesus Name, Amen.

(Matthew 6:33)

Chapter 2

Local And Corporate Church

Where the needs of your local church and the larger worldwide church are met

Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

Habakkuk 2:2

Where there is no revelation (vision), the people cast off restraint;

But happy is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:18

Your church's **vision** (what you see) and mission (what you are called to do) determines where it is headed. Research and write out the vision and mission of your church, so that you can properly identify with it in prayer. (Check out it's website, literature and speak to the leaders).

Always pray in agreement with what God has given to your church's leadership.

My Church's Vision

My Church's Mission

Core Values Of My Church

...they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders..."

Acts 16:4

Your church's core values are the guidelines and characteristics of how ministry is done in your church. They define what makes your church distinctive from others. Discover and write out your church's characteristic core values in the space below. Then pray and thank God for the special values your church has adopted

Example:

"Our church agrees to create a warm, welcoming and orderly family atmosphere. We value and maintain a positive attitude of faith and unity..."

I agree on the following core values in order to establish the vision and mission of my church:

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Refreshing, Revival, Spirit Outpouring

For all believers and the church at large

Dear Heavenly Father,

I call out to You and ask for a continuation of the great outpouring of Your Spirit on all flesh. May I enjoy times of refreshing from Your presence. I choose to break up the fallow or unused ground in my life, seek You with my whole heart till You come and rain righteousness on me and the body of Christ at large.

I ask for spiritual rain in the time or season of latter rain, and that Your Word runs swiftly through the region. Open up doors of opportunity for the Word to spread in my sphere of influence.

I will not stop asking for the nations of the earth, for in Christ they too are our heritage.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(Acts 2:16-21; Acts 3:19; Hosea 10:12; Zechariah 10:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Colossians 4:3; Psalm 2:8)

Notes

Local Church Leadership

Senior Pastors, Assistants, Staff, Elders, Deacons, Volunteers...

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray firstly that our leaders enjoy personal protection, prosperity and health, and that they are wise, fruitful and have spiritual strength to fulfill their callings.

May they receive Your divine vision and guidance and speak Your Word as the oracles of God with boldness.

May they be wise in their associations, and I pray that You deliver them from the influence of unreasonable and wicked men.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(3 John 2; Colossians 1:9-1; Ephesians 1:17-18; Acts 4:29; 2 Thessalonians 3:2)

Notes

My Own Congregation

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank You for placing me in a congregation of believers. May we increase in love, in all knowledge and discernment as we follow You.

May we establish and maintain a hunger for God's presence and power along with true worship and prayer in the church in a spirit of faith.

I pray that we stand steadfast in unity so that signs, wonders and growth follow us as we obey Your Word and go out in Your name as fruitful laborers in the harvest of souls.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(Philippians 1:9; Matthew 21:13; Matthew 5:6; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Acts 2:40-47; John 17:15-22; Luke 10:2)

Notes

The Church's Financial Provision

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that a spirit of generosity and giving prevails in the church, and that there is wise stewardship of resources by the leadership and staff.

May we recognize the abundance of people and material resources You have made available for every good work in our church as we walk in our anointing to prosper.

With Your help may we as a church remain faithful to maintain consistent giving in all circumstances and willingly participate in the vision You have established for us.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(Acts 4:32-35; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Deuteronomy 8:18; Ecclesiastes 11:1-6; Philipians 4:19)

Notes

Newly Saved And Returned To The Lord

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray for the newly saved and returned to the Lord that they are faithful to maintain their hunger for You and Your Word.

May they be protected from temptation and evil as they learn to submit to You and resist the adversary.

As they grow, strengthen them to be a strong witness to their households that they too may be saved.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 6:13; James 4:7; Acts 16:31)

Notes

Upcoming Services & Special Events

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that our fellow believers walk in a unity from above that encourages Your blessing on the upcoming meeting / event.

May all the ministers and the church as a whole enjoy favor with the people and the community at large as we hold these services and special meetings.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(Psalm 133:1-3; Acts 2:47)

Notes

Christian Unity

Dear Heavenly Father,

I have confidence that whatever I ask in Jesus Name according to Your will shall be done. I pray that we Your people walk in harmony with one another in submission to Your ways.

May we live our lives in the Spirit of unity and I pray that there be no factions or divisions in Your Body.

Let us learn to live in a humility that pleases You, and promote unity as we esteem one another more highly than ourselves. May we be of one mind to honor and serve You, walk in forgiveness towards one another, and refuse to slander or return insult for insult.

Strengthen me and my fellow believers to speak the same thing, and establish Your kingdom authority in our lives and church.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(John 17:20-23; Philippians 2:1-4; 1 Peter 3:9)

Notes

Ministries And Missions My Church Supports

Their work of faith, labor of love & patience of hope

Dear Heavenly Father,

I give thanks to you for my fellow believers in (put their name and place of ministry here.)

I remember their work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope, and rejoice that the good work you have begun in them will continue to completion.

You have promised to protect them as they go into all the world in Your name.

I stand in support for their personal health, provision and favor with all men.

Open to them new doors of opportunity to expand their ministry influence, and grant them abundant lasting fruit.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

Names of ministries and missions my church supports

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Chapter 3

All Men And Those In Authority

God is the God of order and peace

God has placed you in a nation to be mouth, hands and feet of blessing to the people. Begin by praying for all men and those in authority, even if and especially when you have a different opinion about how things are being done. Be part of the solution by praying for them.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I recognize that it is my responsibility and priority to pray for all men and all those in authority. I bring (the person and /or category of people in authority) before You, asking that they conduct their duties with integrity, honesty, fairness, and justice.

I pray that they turn their hearts to You Lord and are faithful and accountable in their office and duties.

I pray that the hearts of all in authority are open to receive Christian workers that are sent across their path, and that those who know You are filled with Your wisdom and strengthened in their duties.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(Psalm 106:1-2; Proverbs 21:1; Luke 10:2; Colossians 1:9-11)

Those In Authority I Will Pray For

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My Nation

Dear Heavenly Father,

I lift up my nation to You in the name of Jesus. I humble myself, pray and seek Your face, turn from any wicked ways. May Your forgiveness flow in my life and our nation be healed.

May righteousness prevail in our nation and evil be exposed.

Supernaturally intervene in our nation's affairs as we favor Your righteous cause.

Lord extend Your mercy on our nation.

May God-fearing men and women who do not show partiality nor take bribes or twist words be promoted to office.

I pray that those in authority will restrain evil, promote good, and govern with justice in the fear of God.

May the unborn, the aged, the innocent and the poor be protected from harm and evil discrimination.

May our nation enjoy peace and freedom to openly preach the gospel.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(Proverbs 14:34; Ephesians 5:11; Zephaniah 2:3; Psalm 35:27; James 2:13; Deuteronomy 16:19; Psalm 75:6-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Romans 13:1-7; Jeremiah 2:34; 2 Thessalonians 3:1)

The Nations Of The World I Will Pray For

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Prayer For Israel

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the everlasting covenant You have established with the descendants of Abraham, the Jewish people.

I lift up the nation of Israel to You asking that there may be peace in Jerusalem, the city of Peace. May its citizens be open to the gospel and favor Your righteous cause.

I pray that Jesus, the Prince of peace, be boldly proclaimed to all its people, and to those Jews around the world who are yet scattered.

May the nations who support and bless Israel stand firm in their resolve against the forces of evil who seek to destroy Your Covenant people.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

(Genesis 12:1-3 Numbers 24:9; Psalm 122:6)

Israel's Leaders And Supportive Ministries I Will Pray For

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Prayer For Unbelievers To Get Saved

Dear Heavenly Father,

I bring _____ before You. I know with confidence that it is Your will for them to be saved and come to the knowledge of Your truth in Jesus. Give me and other laborers the boldness, wisdom and opportunity to effectively witness to them. Soften their hearts Lord God by the gracious Holy Spirit.

I declare that satan is bound from lying to them. May Your word pierce their hearts and 'gain entrance' so that they may repent and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. I praise and thank you for their salvation.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Unsaved People I'm Praying For To Get Saved

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Chapter 4

Fellow Believers

Fellow believers the Lord puts on your heart to support in prayer

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you ...

Colossians 1:9

Persistent supportive prayer for fellow believers ensures that God's will is done in their lives. When you pray for your fellow believers, use the same 'Word' prayers that you pray over yourself in the next Chapter from p 70 onwards.

Change the wording to apply to family, friends, small group members, neighbors etc. that are fellow believers in Christ who need His guidance, strength, etc.

Fellow Believers I Pray For Regularly

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Chapter 5

Praying The Word

God's Word is the medium of exchange in our relationship with Him

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

1 John 5:14-15

And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:23-24

God listens to or responds to His Word that we believe in, speak and act upon. He is honor bound to watch over scriptural prayer that is according to His will. His will is revealed in His Word.

God expects us to express our faith with the words of our mouth. Therefore, pray the following scriptural prayers out loud to The Father in Jesus Name in the power of the Holy Spirit.

God has created you for worship, so begin any prayer session with the following prayer of worship.

Prayer Of Worship

Honoring all three persons of the Godhead: John 4:23-24 – See Resources p 93

Dear Heavenly **Father** I praise Your holy name...

You are 'Elohim', the Strong and Mighty one, our creator and maker...

I worship you for You are 'El Shaddai' to me - the Almighty, all sufficient one...

I bow before Your Majesty for You are Adonai, Lord and Master worthy of all worship...

You are Jehovah Raah our shepherd, Jehovah Shalom, our peace...etc...

Thank You **Jesus**, that You are Emmanuel, 'God with us'...

The Son of God, Mighty Counselor, Prince of Peace...

You are my savior and I worship You as the King of Kings, Lord of Lords...

Jesus, I bless Your Holy name: 'The Lord Jesus Christ', You are my all, my teacher, my God, and my beginning and end.

I worship and adore You!

Precious **Holy Spirit**, I honor You as The Spirit of the Living God.

You are my comforter, strengthener, advocate, intercessor, helper, standby, counselor and teacher...

Spirit of Truth, You are Holy and I reverence You as the Spirit of Grace, the one who Guides me in all that I say and do...

Spirit of the Lord, thank You for being my constant companion and empowering me to worship and serve You acceptably in my generation.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

For Spiritual Understanding And Wisdom

Ephesians 1:17-19

Dear Heavenly Father,

My prayer is that You as the glorious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant me:

The spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus...

That the eyes of my understanding are enlightened...

That I may know what is the hope of my calling...

What are the riches of Jesus' inheritance in the saints, and...

What is the exceeding greatness of Your power toward us who believe.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

For Strength / Understanding God's Love

Ephesians 3:16-19

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray today that You grant that I be strengthened with might through Your Spirit in the inner man according to Your riches in glory and...

That Christ may dwell in my heart through faith...

That I am are rooted and grounded in love and able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width, length, depth and height of Christ's love which surpasses ordinary knowledge...

So that I may be filled with all Your fullness.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

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For Love, Sincerity, & Fruits Of Righteousness

Philippians 1:9-11

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that my love grow stronger as I learn to prize what is of value, live with transparent sincerity till the day of Christ and be filled with fruits of righteousness.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

To Please The Lord And Be Fruitful

Colossians 1:9-11

Dear Heavenly Father,

I do not cease to pray and ask...

That You fill me with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding...

That I may have a walk worthy of Your Lordship, fully pleasing You and be fruitful in every good work...

That I might increase in the knowledge of God...

That You strengthen me with all might according to Your glorious power for all patience and longsuffering with joy.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

For Guidance And Knowing What To Do

1 Chronicles 12:32 / John 16:3 / Jeremiah 33:3

Dear Heavenly Father,

I ask that you give me a prophetic understanding or sense of the times we live in. May you guide me in exactly what I am to do in response to this understanding.

Thank You for being my shepherd, and giving me your Word and Spirit to light to my path and guide me into all the truth.

I call out to You to show me great and mighty things that I know not. I open my heart to hear Your voice alone.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

Doors Of Opportunity And Boldness

Colossians 4:3 / Acts 4:29

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that You...

Would open to me doors of opportunity for the word to be spoken...

That I may make the Word manifest with boldness to the hearers as I ought by stretching out Your hand to heal...

That signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

For Overcoming Poor Eating Habits

Proverbs 23:21

Dear Heavenly Father,

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. By Your mercies I present my body to You as a living sacrifice.

Renew my mind to the value of taking care of my body through exercise, proper sleep and wholesome eating patterns.

I choose to honor You as Lord and Savior and not bow to unrestrained fleshly appetites. I recognize that self control is a fruit of my spirit powerfully indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, strengthen me to resist the temptation to give in to my flesh. With Your help I will glorify You in my body.

Enlighten me as to the power I have been given to discipline my body and walk free from gluttonous habits, which You hate.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

For Healing And Health

3 John 2

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank you for the covenant of healing You have made with me, and rejoice that You delight in my total well being: spirit, soul and body.

Lord Jesus, I recognize that You bore the stripes of suffering on Your back so that I might be healed and walk in divine health.

As I attend to Your Word I know that it will be health to my body and strength to my bones.

I chose to watch my tongue and only speak words of wisdom that promote health.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

For Financial Well Being

Psalm 37:4

Dear Heavenly Father,

I rejoice that You delight in my material well being or prosperity.

As I participate in supporting the work of the gospel through financial giving, I know that You have promised to supply all my needs according to Your riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

My desire is to establish and extend Your Kingdom on earth through my faithful practical support. I give willingly and cheerfully, and know that You will always cause the righteous to be blessed.

Grant me the wisdom to be a wise steward of the resources You release to me in Jesus Name.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

Consecrating Tithes And Offerings

Malachi 3:10 / Luke 6:38

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to You in obedience and thankfulness for Your abundant provision. As I consecrate these Tithes and Offerings to You as an act of my worship, I pray that You receive them for Your Kingdom purposes.

I rejoice that you have promised to open up 'the windows of heaven' to me to bless the work of my hands.

Thank You that as I give into the gospel, You will multiply my seed 'good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over'.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

For Overcoming Debt

Proverbs 21:5

Dear Heavenly Father,

Your word teaches that You desire that I prosper in the work of my hands, and that debt is not Your plan for my life.

I cast my cares upon you Lord, for You care for me, and will never allow the righteous to be forsaken.

Where I have been responsible for incurring debt please forgive me for that.

Help me walk in Your wisdom concerning my finances, and show me witty ways of escape from financial debt.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

Godly Children

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray for my precious children, gifts given to me as my heritage. I turn my heart towards them and ask that You turn their hearts towards me.

Grant me the wisdom to raise a Godly generation and faithfully teach Your statutes in a consistent lifestyle of holiness at home.

I commit my children to You, knowing that Your Word will not return to You void and will produce that which You sent it out to do in their lives.

May they walk uprightly before You and hide the Word deep in their hearts so that they might not sin against You.

Commission Your angels to watch over them in all their ways, and as I train them in the way they should go, they will not depart from the Highway of Holiness You have chosen for them.

May they increase in grace, favor and wisdom under Your mighty and majestic hand.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

For Strong Family

Psalm 128:3

Dear Heavenly Father,

I know that it is your will for our whole family to be saved and passionately pursuing Your purposes.

May they hunger and thirst after righteousness and allow the love of God in them to be released to all family members in mutual respect.

I ask that You fulfill all Your good will in our lives as we put You first place in our family.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

Notes

Harmony In Marriage

1 Peter 3:1-7

Dear Heavenly Father,

I recognize that You desire that I walk in peace and harmony, glorifying You in my marriage.

Help me to fully submit to You and then to one another in Spirit-filled love and respect.

I chose to forgive and forget any hurts and offenses, and purpose to walk in the God kind of love towards my spouse.

Strengthen me to glorify you in my marriage as I recognize my spouse as an heir together in the grace of life.

I esteem our marriage as a sacred bond before You.

In Jesus Name,
Amen.

Notes

For Personal Protection

Natural Disasters, War, Plague and Terrorism: Psalm 91

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have declared that if I dwell in the secret place of The Most High, I shall be protected under Your shadow. By faith I say that You are my refuge and my safe fortress. I am trusting in you to protect me as You have promised.

Keep me from the ravages of natural disasters, war, plague and acts of terrorism. I take refuge in Your presence, for your truth is my shield.

Thank You for commissioning angels to encamp around me and my loved ones, and keep us in all our ways.

In these difficult times I set my love on You, and to know Your name. I call on you to be with me in trouble.

I thank and praise You for being my Great Deliverer and Savior.

*In Jesus Name,
Amen.*

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Chapter 6

Psalm 91 Personal Protection

Read this Psalm out loud.

Personalized Declaration Of Faith:

- 1 *(I) dwell in the secret place of the Most High (and) abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*
- 2 *(I) say of the LORD, "(You are) my refuge and my fortress; my God, in You do (I) trust."*

Declaring The Lord's Promised Protection:

- 3 *Surely (You) deliver (me) from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.*
- 4 *(You) cover (me) with Your feathers, and under (Your) wings (I) take refuge; (Your) truth (is my) shield and buckler.*
- 5 *(I am) not afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,*
- 6 *Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.*

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- 7 *A thousand may fall at (my) side, and ten thousand at (my) right hand; but it shall not come near (me).*
- 8 *Only with (my) eyes shall (I) look, and see the reward of the wicked.*
- 9 *Because (I) have made the LORD, my refuge, even the Most High, (my) dwelling place,*
- 10 *No evil shall befall (me), nor shall any plague come near (my) dwelling;*
- 11 *For He shall give His angels charge over (me), to keep (me) in all (my) ways.*
- 12 *In their hands they shall bear (me) up, lest (I) dash (my) foot against a stone.*
- 13 *(I) shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent (I) shall trample underfoot.*

The Lord's Response:

- 14 *"Because (you have) set (your) love upon Me, therefore I will deliver (you); I will set (you) on high, because (you) have known My name.*
- 15 *(You) shall call upon Me, and I will answer (you); I will be with (you) in trouble; I will deliver (you) and honor (you).*
- 16 *With long life I will satisfy (you), and show (you) My salvation."*

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Chapter 1

Names Of God

A name signifies the essence of a person's nature and character

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

Exodus 3:13-14

Give thanks at the remembrance of His Holy name.

Psalm 97:12

Sing to the Lord, bless His name;...

Psalm 96:2

God's names reveal various aspects of His person, nature and character as they relate to the covenant and our need. Our first ministry is to worship God and call upon His name. When you 'hallow', exalt or esteem as holy His Name, use the following names in your prayers. God is personal and expects us to address Him personally using His names.

God's names include descriptions of His person in three forms - Father, Son and Holy Spirit: The Lord (Father) Jesus (Son) Christ (Holy Spirit). As you begin to pray, practice addressing each of the three persons of the one Godhead individually in your praise. What may be unfamiliar at first, will become more 'natural' as you build praise into your lifestyle of devotion.

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The following sample list is given to inspire you to get to know God in His trinity more completely. You can even work them more comprehensively into the sample prayer of worship given on page 68.

Names Of The Father

- Elohim Strong and mighty One / Creator God our Maker
- El Shaddai Almighty, All Sufficient One
- El Elyon Most High
- Adonai The Lord / Master / Owner
- Jehovah The Lord our Redeemer – Compound Names
 - Jehovah-Jireh Provider of supreme sacrifice
 - Jehovah-Raah Shepherd
 - Jehovah-Rapha Healer
 - Jehovah-Tsidkenu Righteousness
 - Jehovah-M'Kaddesh Sanctifier
 - Jehovah-Shammah Ever present one: He is there
 - Jehovah-Nissi Banner
 - Jehovah-Shalom Peace.

Names Of The Son

- Jesus Christ
- Emmanuel - God with us / Messiah – Anointed One
- Faithful Witness / Bread of Life / Lamb of God
- Son of God / Son of Man / Rabboni -Teacher / Good Shepherd
- Prince of Peace / Savior / Wonderful Counselor / Mighty God.

Names Of The Holy Spirit

- Holy Spirit / Spirit of Truth / Spirit of Grace / Spirit of God
- Spirit of the Lord / Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding / Guide
- Counselor / Advocate / Comforter / Advocate / Teacher
- Strengthened / Standby.

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Chapter 2

List Of Nations By Continent

Use the internet to get names of the leaders of the nations

Africa

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African
Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Congo
(Dem. Rep.)
Djibouti
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana

Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
Sao Tome
and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa

Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Asia

Afghanistan
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei
Burma (*Myanmar*)
Cambodia
China
East Timor
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq

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Israel
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Korea (north)
Korea (south)
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Lebanon
Malaysia
Maldives
Mongolia
Nepal
Oman
Pakistan
Philippines
Qatar
Russian
Federation
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Syria
Tajikistan
Thailand
Turkey
Turkmenistan
United Arab
Emirates
Uzbekistan
Vietnam
Yemen

Europe

Albania
Andorra
Armenia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia
and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macedonia
Malta
Moldova
Monaco
Montenegro
Netherlands

Norway
Poland
Portugal

N. America

Antigua and
Barbuda
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Canada
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Rep.
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent &
the Grenadines
Trinidad & Tobago
United States

Oceania

Australia
Fiji
Kiribati

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Marshall Islands

Micronesia

Nauru

New Zealand

Palau

Papua New Guinea

Samoa

Solomon Islands

Tonga

Tuvalu

Vanuatu

S. America

Argentina

Bolivia

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Ecuador

Guyana

Paraguay

Peru

Suriname

Uruguay

Venezuela

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Chapter 3 **Where To Turn When...**

The Book of Psalms is the Bible's collection of inspiring and comforting poetry. It is written by people who had the same feelings as you, and the Psalms express the heartfelt realities of life's struggles, challenges and triumphs.

Use the following selection when...

- You need guidance and counsel. **Psalm 1**
- You feel abandoned. **Psalm 10**
- You don't know what God expects. **Psalm 15**
- You are afraid and need comfort. **Psalm 23**
- You see others (the wicked) prosper. **Psalm 37**
- You want to know God better. **Psalm 42**
- Your faith seems to be slipping. **Psalm 62**

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- You can't see how being true to God helps. **Psalm 90**
- You feel threatened and in danger. **Psalm 91**
- You want to celebrate God's goodness. **Psalm 95–100**
- You need reminding of God's goodness. **Psalm 103**
- You feel unthankful. **Psalm 107**
- You need wisdom. **Psalm 119**

Section D

**Testimonies Of
Answered Prayer**

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Chapter 1

Testimonies Of Answered Prayer

God is a Prayer answering God

*For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,
So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

Isaiah 55:10-11

*Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it..."*

Exodus 17:14

God delights in meeting the needs of His children through answered prayer. He answers prayer according to the promises He has made. Very often people do not enjoy His provision simply because they do not ask (James 4:2), or they do not ask scripturally.

His promises are specific, and when we get specific in our prayer requests, God can give specific answers. Remember you are making requests, not giving a description of the problems you may be

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facing. He knows what you have need of before you ask Him. He wants you to focus on the request (the positive outcome) and not the problem.

Find the **promise** that applies to your situation, and base your prayer on that promise or promises. **Write out** your prayer to make it specific and precise. Then write down the answers to prayer (**testimonies**) you have received in the following pages.

They will encourage you as you stand for yet more answers. Remember heaven is full of answers to prayers waiting to be prayed by you in faith.

Prayer Request & Date:

Scripture foundations (Promise):

Answer received (Testimony):

Additional Notes:

Prayer Request & Date:

Scripture foundations (Promise):

Answer received (Testimony):

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