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PRAYER GUIDE

WAKE UP, WAKE UP, O ZION! CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH STRENGTH. PUT ON YOUR BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES, O HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM, FOR UNCLEAN AND GODLESS PEOPLE WILL ENTER YOUR GATES NO LONGER. RISE FROM THE DUST, O JERUSALEM. SIT IN A PLACE OF HONOR. REMOVE THE CHAINS OF SLAVERY FROM YOUR NECK, O CAPTIVE DAUGHTER OF ZION.
-ISAIAH 52:1-2

WEEK 2: PRAYER EMPHASIS

Join us in prayer and fasting for the next few weeks as we seek God's face together. For the second week of our 21 day prayer and fasting emphasizes we will be covering the following topics below. You can follow along with our daily prayer topic videos that will be posted on our social media and in our church email each day.

SUNDAY: FAMILY

Take time to pray for each member of your family, include extended family members. Entrust each one to the Lord. Wherever they are in their relationship with God, pray that He draws them one step closer. Pray for your spouse that they would mature in the Lord and grow in the knowledge of God. Pray over your children that they might daily seek God with all their heart, walking in the Spirit, growing in their dependence on Him.

MONDAY: OUR LEADERS AND NATION

Pray over our Governmental leaders that they would have wisdom to lead our state and nation. Pray that the Lord would work in their hearts and use them for his glory. Call out to God in repentance for our nation. Pray that we would repent and turn from wickedness. Pray that we would experience awakening and revival in our nation.

TUESDAY: OUR CHURCH

Pray for a divine stirring and awakening of the local church. Pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit for holy living and boldness to share God's love with the hurting and lost. Ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit in our own personal lives and our church. Pray that the church would be spiritually energized for the days ahead and would walk in increase of spiritual gifts.

WEDNESDAY: THE LOST

Pray unbelieving family and friends will come to faith in Jesus. Pray that their heart would be open to the gospel and they would receive it with Joy. Ask the Lord for a harvest of souls of those that walk in spiritual blindness. Pray that prodigal sons and daughters would return home. Pray that we would be a good witness to the lost and have boldness to share God's truth with them.

THURSDAY: MIRACLES/HEALING

Pray for the Lord's provision of healing for those in need — spiritually, physically, or emotionally. Pray for those who are sick and suffering with illness and disease that they would be healed. Pray for those in need of a miracle that they would experience breakthrough and God would meet their need. Pray for deliverance for those who are bound that they would be set free from bondage of sin. Pray for those who are struggling emotionally and mentally to find peace and healing.

FRIDAY: MISSIONS/MISSIONARIES

Pray for all missionaries and mission efforts across the world to have favor in their communities and to be used in a mighty way for God's kingdom. Pray for protection over their families and for provision and resources for their ministry.

SATURDAY: PERSONAL GUIDANCE AND DEEPER INTIMACY WITH JESUS

Pray that our hearts will be turned too heaven to discern God's direction and to submit to His calling. Pray His word will be a lamp unto our feet to guide us each day and His word will be hidden in our hearts to follow, trust, and rely on Him. Pray for a boldness to step out of our comfort zone and to be obedient to what God is calling us to do. Pray that we would return to our "first love." Pray that we would put Christ on the throne of our hearts and that He

would remove any idols we have placed before Him. Ask God to awaken your heart with a fresh devotion of his word and presence.

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.

The following pages are different ideas and outlines for you to chose from as you spend time in prayer the next 21 days.

PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY:

PRAYERS FOR YOUR SPOUSE

1. That they might learn to love and respect one another as commanded in Scripture. That the fruit of the Spirit will be exhibited more in their lives.
2. That they might learn to take every thought captive, to not be conformed to the world's thinking and to think scripturally. That they would learn to not depend on their circumstances for happiness but on God alone.
3. That they might have new strength in the midst of their busy schedule and that the Lord might infuse them with strength. That their self-image might be a reflection of the Lord's thoughts toward them.
4. That the Lord might give them wisdom

5 WAYS TO PRAY OVER YOUR KIDS

1. Pray over their sense of PURPOSE.

We know firsthand the power of purpose in a teenager's life. We are praying that God will give my kids visions and dreams (*Acts 2:17*) and that they will understand that He has good plans for them— to prosper them and to give them a hope and a future (*Jeremiah 29:11*). I pray not only for their future purpose, but their present purpose—asking God to help them realize they are missionaries to their school NOW, that God wants to use them NOW, and that He has created them for such a time as this! I pray against the confusion of the enemy and for the clarity of the Holy Spirit as to what God has called them to do and be—both now and in their future.

2. Pray over their PURITY.

For every child, this is a big one. Our prayer is that our kids will have discernment in what is right and wrong in this day and time. Our prayer is that they will not allow the culture of the day to eliminate Christ and Holiness from their lives. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will convict them so they will be young people of conviction and that they will above all else guard their hearts (*Proverbs 4:23*).

3. Pray over their PASSIONS.

This might similar to their purposes, but by passion we simply mean that God will help them to identify what they are good at now and that He will give them favor and influence in whatever they put their hand to. We pray that our kids will become leaders in the classroom, on the playing field, and in their future jobs. Every night we should pray this prayer over each of our kids, “God surround them with your favor as with a shield” (*Psalms 5:12*).

4. Pray over the key PEOPLE in their lives.

We pray that God will bring my kids good, Christ centered, friends. We don't ask God to make them popular, but for them to have favor with key classmates and teammates that will be a good influence on them and vice versa. We pray for their friends who do not know Christ—that my kids will commit to being a witness in their world. We pray against the drama that fills the world of so many teenagers today, and they my kids will base their self esteem on what the word of God says about them and not the words of those around them! We pray over their future spouse as well, that God will give them contentment to wait and wisdom in who to marry.

5. Pray over their PURSUIT with the Lord.

Our prayer is that our kids will continue to come into a faith of their own and that they will take ownership of their walk with the Lord. Our prayer is that God will cultivate a “one thing” desire within their hearts based on *Psalm 27:4* “*One thing I ask from the Lord; this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*” Our prayer is that God, by His Holy Spirit and through the disciplines of our family, will cultivate a love for His presence within their hearts. We pray that as my children seek the Lord that a Spirit of wisdom and revelation would be upon them so that they might know Him better—from the heart! (*Ephesians 1:17*)

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PRAYERS FOR SINGLES:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/nine-prayers-for-the-not-yet-marriedArticle>

1. Not my will, but yours, be done.

“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” Luke 22:42

Not my will, but yours, be done, O Lord. If those seven words and the faith beneath them were enough to carry Jesus through the cross for my sake, they should be enough to carry me through anything in this life for his sake. Prepare me to make the most of marriage or singleness, whatever you have chosen and planned for me. If it’s not your will for me to marry, help me see all that you have planned for me — in gifting, ministry, and singleness. Either way, anchor my heart firmly in you, and not in marriage.

2. Reveal as much of yourself to me as possible while I'm still single.

[May] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe. Ephesians 1:16-19

Show me more of yourself and shape my life to reveal your glory. As I walk back out on the raging sea of life and of singleness, still my faith in you and set my eyes on you standing strong and reliable above it all. Reveal how much bigger and more beautiful you are than marriage, or any other dream or desire I might have.

3. Satisfy me so fully now that I never look to anyone else to make me happy.

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments. . . . I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. . . . Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. . . . Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Psalm 119:10, 15, 37, 133

You are the only one who could ever truly make me happy. No spouse, no friend, no job, no amount of money could ever fill the space inside of me made for you. You are more than enough for me, and yet my heart is still prone to wander. Order my loves according to your surpassing worth and beauty, and guard my eyes and mind from being preoccupied with anyone or anything besides you. Capture my heart again, and secure it against all of Satan's lies.

4. Tell the world about yourself through my joy and freedom in singleness.

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
Hebrews 13:20-21

Use me and my gifts to make your name great in the world. I want my life to count for the mission you have given us. I want it to count today, even while I am still young and single. Fill me with ambition, creativity, and selflessness for the sake of your glory.

5. Give me faith to trust you even when I walk through pain and disappointment alone.

...to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Help me see every loss or disappointment, every moment of loneliness, every unfulfilled dream or desire, and every evidence of weakness as an opportunity to remember and enjoy the strength, hope, and rest you bought for me with the blood of your Son. Remind me that you are working all of this, every inch, in every way, for my good.

6. Protect me from making work my god while I wait for marriage.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23–24

Help me see any success or progress as evidence of your grace, and wean me off of the love of money and human approval. Liberate me from the tyranny of today's to-do list, and receive every task, every meeting, every chore, and every project as an act of worship.

7. If you have called me to marry, help me to date differently.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:3-8

If you would have me marry, prepare me to love a husband or wife with the love and grace you have shown me through Jesus and his cross. Give me clarity in dating, and guard me from all impurity. Let patience, selflessness, and humility mark every relationship — every date, every conversation, every step forward or backward. In every step of my pursuit of marriage, make it clear that you are God, and I am yours.

HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES:

- Marriages
- Ministry effectiveness
- Personal protection and safety
- Language and communication skills
- Physical and emotional health
- Country of service
- Children
- Financial resources

App: The Joshua Project

HOW TO PRAY ONE HOUR:

Here's how to structure an hour in prayer with 12 scripturally based aspects. Each hour can be divided into twelve 5 minute points of focus. Allowing specific time for each of those areas. Of course, some of these aspects may require only a minute, while others such as intercessory prayer for the world will require far more than 5 minutes.

1. Praise (*Psalm 63:3*)

All prayer should begin with a recognition of God's nature. The Lord's Prayer, our guideline for praying, begins with "*Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*" Praise is that aspect of prayer which vocally esteems God for his virtues and accomplishments.

2. Confession (*Psalm 51:10*)

The psalmist asked God to search his heart for unconfessed sin. He knew sin was one of the greatest roadblocks to answered prayer. Early in prayer we need to make time for confession. This clears the way for powerful prayer.

3. Thanksgiving (*Philippians 4:6; Psalm 100:4*)

When Paul wrote to the Philippians he instructed them to enter prayer and supplications “*with thanksgiving.*” Thanksgiving differs from praise in that praise recognizes God for what He is and thanksgiving recognizes God for specific things He has done. Begin to thank God for his blessings on your life.

4. Waiting (*Psalm 17:7, Isaiah 40:31; Lamentations 3:25*)

Not only should we begin it with praise, but time also should be given to being quiet in God’s presence. This is not meditation or just a time for listening, it is simply taking time to let God love you.

5. Intercession (*1 Timothy 2:1-3; Psalm 2:8; Matthew 9:37-38*)

This concerns praying for others who have a desperate needs, and people in our life who are away from God. Also pray for your country and church.

6. The Word (*2 Timothy 3:15-16; Psalm 19:7-8*)

“*The commandment of the Lord (His Word) is pure, enlightening the eyes*” wrote young King David. When we bring God’s Word into our prayer, we are opening our eyes to new possibilities in God. At this point in prayer, read God’s Word.

7. **Meditation** (*Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-2; Psalm 77:12*)

To wait in God's presence is simply to be there to love Him. Meditation differs in that our mind is very active. To meditate is to ponder spiritual themes in reference to God.

8. **Petition** (*Matthew 7:7; Matthew 6:11*)

This aspect of prayer concerns our personal needs. To petition God is to open our need to God through prayer. Pray for your home, marriage, family, finances and any other need in your life you may have.

9. **The Word** (*Jeremiah 23:29; II Samuel 22:31; Numbers 23:19*)

Earlier we suggested you read God's Word. Now, pray God's Word. Here we bring actual Scripture into our prayers. We can never prayer out of God's will when we pray God's Word.

10. **Singing** (*Psalm 100:2; Psalm 111:9*)

Melody in its truest sense is a gift of God for the purpose of singing praises unto Him. Many Christians, unfortunately have never learned the beauty of singing a "new" song unto God during prayer. These songs may come straight from the heart with the Holy Spirit creating the melody. Paul spoke of singing "*spiritual songs*". To sing unto the Lord is to worship God in melody.

11. **Listening** (*1 Kings 19:11-12*)

Whether through His written Word or by an inner small still voice of His Holy Spirit, God speaks to praying Christians. But we must take time to listen.

12. Praise (*Matthew 6:13; Psalm 100:4; Psalm 150*)

We begin our prayer by recognizing God's nature and we end in similar fashion. Jesus taught this when He ended His prayer with the statement, *"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."*

PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Matthew 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,"

We remember the various names of God throughout scripture.

- Jehovah Jireh (*Genesis 22:13,14*) the Lord will provide (El Shaddai) The All Sufficient One
- Jehovah Shalom (*Judges 6:24*) the Lord our peace (El Elyon) Most High God
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (*Jeremiah 23:6*) the Lord our righteousness (M'Kaddesh) Lord My Sanctifier
- Jehovah Rapha (*Exodus 15:26*) the Lord that heals (Elohim) Strong One

Matthew 6:10 "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

- Pray for God's will to be done in every area of your life.
- Praying for God's will to each member of my family, to my friends, to our church and to our community.
- Call the names of persons in your life who are away from God.

- Pray for your country and those who are in authority: President, Governor, Mayor. (*1 Timothy 2:1,2*)
- Pray for your church and its leaders.

Matthew 6:11 "Give us today our daily bread."

- Pray specifically for God's daily provision for your family. (*Philippians 4:19*)
- Pray specifically for others who are on your prayer list for financial needs.
- Praise God for His promised and demonstrated provision of daily bread.

Matthew 6:12 "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

- Release anyone who has wronged you by vocalizing forgiveness in God's presence.
- Search your heart to confess any sin in your life, and receive His restorative forgiveness. (*Psalms 51*)
- Praise God for forgiveness of sin and unhindered fellowship in Him. (*Psalms 32*)

Matthew 6:13 "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

- Pray that the Lord leads you through the day so you can avoid all the traps of temptation that Satan has laid for you. (*Matthew 26:41; 1 Corinthians 10:13*)
- Claim God's deliverance from the "evil one."

- Praise God for guiding your steps so as to avoid the snares of the evil one. (*Psalm 37:23*)

PRAYERS IN THE SCRIPTURES:

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.

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, making Your Name known, and advocating for justice in our world. I know that by focusing on You and Your heart for others, rather than myself, I will receive joy and peace.

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 look more like You every day. With confidence that Your power lives in me, give me boldness to confront the enemy and anything I see in the world that does not reflect Your heart. Thank You for breaking the spirit of fear off my life, and I receive the truth that You have given me a sound and healthy mind.”

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.”

Continued Prayers in the Scriptures:

...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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. *2 Chronicles 7:14*

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Psalms 51:1-12

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 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. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. *Ephesians 1:16-23*

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. *Ephesians 3:14-19*

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. *Philippians 1:9-11*

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Colossians 1:9-14*

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

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.

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, and greater understanding 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 we get His attention when we ask for blessing with the motivation to help others.

“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. I ask You to help me grow in understanding of Your truth and Your heart for people so I can do my part to bring Your Kingdom to earth. 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."

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. Knowing 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. Ask Him for boldness to take the steps He lays out for you.

PRAYER: "God, make me effective in my sphere of influence, and open new doors for me to be able to impact and reach even more people for Your glory. Give me a heart to make a difference in the lives of people I have never reached out to before and boldness to walk in obedience to Your calling. 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."

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 **PRAY FIRST** 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."

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. In these exchanges, 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.

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. Through the blood of Jesus, God has given us victory and power to fight. 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). 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, pouring out our heart to Him, and battling in the heavenlies by asking for 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 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, loved ones, and those around me—all immediate family members, relatives, friends, and acquaintances. 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 when He died on the cross. When we accept the gift of salvation we confess our sin. As Christians, confessing and repenting of sin is something we continue to do. By coming clean and repenting 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 it 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 have harbored bitterness in my heart. 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, closed-mindedness, 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 recognize where I lack knowledge and understanding. 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 combine prayer with fasting.

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 asking 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 and 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 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."

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 in praying for those who don't know Him to come to know Him.

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."

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 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.”

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.”

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 them 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.”

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. The most important moment to have this kind of revelation is when the lights come on spiritually. 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."

