

Pray the Word

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Meditating on Scripture

A. Pray the Bible Outloud to God Everyday!

Why pray the Word? It feeds you (Matt. 4:4), washes you (Eph. 5:26-27), sanctifies you (John 17:17), disciplines you (Heb. 4:12-13), releases grace and peace, builds your faith, and equips you (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate in it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Psalms 1:2-3 (NIV), "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

B. Re-writing our spiritual code by declaring the Scriptures

Each time we say what God says, it marks us and changes us. John 6:63, "The words that I speak to you are spirit and they are life."

1. Set a Schedule for regular prayer times,
2. Make a prayer list, and
3. Have a right view of God.

A schedule establishes "When" we will pray. A prayer list gives us focus on "what" to pray. A right view of God causes us to "want" to pray.

C. Take a passage of Scripture and begin to turn it into a dialogue with Jesus, talking and listening.

1. Take time to linger in his presence. Maybe start with some worship music in the background. Speak affectionately by intermittingly saying, "I love you" Speak slowly and softly, briefly (short phrases not paragraphs).

2. Listen to God

Read the Word aloud several times.

Meditate on the scripture as it connects to your life. How is God speaking into your circumstances?

Pray as a response to how the Lord is speaking, by asking for forgiveness or guidance. Rest in His love. What is God leading you to?

Contemplate in stillness. Rest in God's presence. Stay open and listen to God speak through his word. How is He revealing himself to you?

D. Pray-Read Scripture

1. When you come to truths exhorting you to believe:

Thank Jesus for the reality represented in the specific passage.

Ask Him to reveal in a greater way the specific passage being read.

2. When you come to truths exhorting you to obey:

Commit yourself to obey what the specific passage describe. ASK FOR GRACE TO OBEY

ARK Prayer Tool

F. Agreement: Make declarations of agreement to Jesus about who He is (titles, names), what He's like (attributes) and what He feels, says or does (emotions, words, actions).

1. "You are...the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, Ruler over the Kings of the earth," etc.

2. "You have...eyes like a flame of fire, a sharp two-edged sword," etc.

3. "You do...hold the seven stars in Your right hand, dwell in the midst of the churches," etc.

Revelation: Ask the Holy Spirit for increased revelation of these specific aspects of Jesus' majesty.

John 16:13, "When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth... He will glorify Me, for he will take of what is Mine (thoughts, emotions, etc) and declare (reveal) it to you.

Keep the Word: Make simple declarations by the grace of God to resolve to guard the truths, while asking God to empower us to faithfully express these aspects of Jesus' character in our lives and ministries, whether resisting temptation, enduring suffering or persecution or simply overcoming the mundane seasons of routine life.

E. Promises of Answered Prayer

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

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. - James 5:16

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all. -James 1:5

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. -Jeremiah 33:3

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. -Luke 11:13

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 John 1:9

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. -Mark 11:24

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. -John 15:7

Gospel Promises

“The Gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous King, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy.”—John Piper

The Gospel is the good news that God's kingdom power has entered human history through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we repent and rely on his righteousness instead of our own, his kingdom power transforms us and we become participants in the restoration of God's world. The three aspects of the gospel are the kingdom, the cross, and God's grace.

- The gospel of the kingdom is life with God under God's rule
- The gospel of the cross is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus by which God accomplishes our salvation, rescues us from his wrath, incorporates us into his people, and inaugurates his reign in the world.
- The gospel of grace is the wonderful news that God accepts us, shares his life with us, and adopts us as heirs of his kingdom not because we have earned it or deserve it, but because God chooses to give all of this freely at Christ's expense. - Daniel Montgomery

God's Mercy,

Mercy is Not getting what we deserve. He took the wrath that we deserved, he took the punishment of our sin in our place.

“But God being rich in mercy, because of

the great love with which he loved us,” Eph. 2:4

God's Grace,

Grace is getting what we don't deserve. Acceptance, Belonging, Forgiveness of Sin, Eternal Life, All-satisfying Joy, Adoption, the Gift of the Spirit, etc. His grace is freely given and it was given at Christ's expense on the cross!

“And God is able to make all grace about to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” 2 Cor. 9:8

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so you by his poverty might become rich” 2 Cor. 8:9

“Therefore, the gospel is not what God requires. The gospel is what God provides! The gospel is not an imperative, demanding things you must do. The gospel is an indicative, declaring things that God has done. The gospel is not about human action. The gospel is about divine achievement. The gospel is not a moralistic Do! The gospel is a merciful Done! The gospel must inform, control, and energize all we do.” –Sam Storms

“We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared to believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever hoped”—Tim Keller

“We were so bad that Christ had to die for us, but we were so loved that He was glad to die for us” –Tim Keller

Lord's Prayer —

"Pray then like this: "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 also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:9-13).

Our Father in Heaven

- Come to Papa! Picture him on his throne (Rev. 4-5) in heaven with a smile.

Your Name be Hallowed

- Make yourself real on the earth. The verb hallowed has the sense of praise, honor, exalt, to revere, to glorify, and to reveal. Name means who God is and what God is like (character, personality, fame, glory, renown, reputation)
- Father, Enhance your reputation, that your name would be treated as infinitely valuable on earth as it is in heaven. May your name be REVEALED, so that... it will be REVERED

Your Kingdom Come

- Father ACT as KING. Rule without Rival.
- Kingdom is the sphere of his reign and rule. The king's domain. His Dominion, His Government. His scepter of righteous rule and justice.
- Submit to him and ask for his Lordship in each area of your life.

Your Will Be Done

- Fulfill all your good pleasures. Make his will your will.
- God's will that we be filled with the Spirit

(Eph. 5:18), be sanctified (I Thess 4:3), pray continuously, give thanks in all things, and rejoice always (I Thess 5:16-18).

Give us this Day our Daily Bread

- Be our provider. Thank God for provision and ask him for increase physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially, relationally.
- Meditate on the cross, the place of ultimate provision.

Forgive us our Debts (sins)

- Cancel all our debts, give us a clean slate. Reveal any sin, wrongful attitude.

As we forgive others debts (sins) against us

- Ask God to reveal those who have hurt or wounded you and forgive them as Jesus forgave you. Give them a clean slate, as if they don't owe you anything. Pray for your enemies.

Lead us not into temptation

- Rescue Us! Confess need for God and his protection from temptation.

Deliver us from the evil one

- Put on the Armor of God
"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore

brand new prayers from this very old prayer.

take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.”

- 1. Belt of Truth**
- 2. Breastplate of righteousness**
- 3. Feet shod w/gospel of peace**
- 4. Shield of Faith (Word of His Grace releases Faith)**
- 5. Helmet of Salvation (Preach the Gospel to Yourself)**
- 6. Sword of the Spirit (Wield the Word through prayer)**
- 7. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions**

Lord's Prayer Guide ▬

When Jesus gave us instruction on how to pray, He expected we would obey it! Not in a rote manner of simply memorizing it and reciting it, but to use it as a pattern for our prayers. Throughout history great leaders in the Church of Jesus Christ have found this to be true: your best prayers will come as you obey Him and rely upon His Spirit to bring

Our Father, In Heaven

Notice, first of all, that He invites us to call Him “Our Father” (or “Papa”). He could have required that we bow low, keep our distance, and refer to Him as “Creator” or “Just Judge” or “The Most Holy One.” He is all these things! But He invites us to speak to Him as His children; as family members. Remember this relationship as you pray. In certain ways, we are like Him and He is like us. We are close to Him and He is close to us.

But also notice that He is “in Heaven.” Even though we are His children and we are like Him in certain ways, He is also totally unlike us! He is close to us, but He is also far above us! Apart from the work of Jesus at the cross, He would be totally unapproachable! We would have no access to Him.

As we pray, remember the balance that He is both like us and close to us as well as totally unlike us and far above us! We can approach Him with confidence but we should never be casual while doing so.

There are two parts to this prayer. You can see this by the use of the pronoun “Your” in the first portion and “us” in the second. Requests 1-3 make up the first part and requests 4-7 make up the second.

The “Your” portion

The first three request Jesus directed us to are not about us, our city, or other earthly issues. They are about three big themes on God's heart.

- 1) Let Your name [Your character, Your nature, Your reputation... etc.] Be holy [be revealed, be revered, be received... etc.]

2) Let Your kingdom [Your rule, Your government, Your reign... etc.] Come [be established, be expanded, be embraced... etc.]

3) Let Your will [Your desires, Your plans, Your purposes... etc.] Be done [be known, be accomplished, be accepted... etc.]

As you pray in this manner, add four key phrases.

- “To me” can be added to the first line.
- “In me” can be added to the second line
- “By me” can be added to the third line
- And “Through me” can be added to each line.

So the lines could sound like this;

- Let Your name be holy to me so it can be holy through me.
- Let Your kingdom come in me so it can come through me.
- Let Your will be done by me so it can be done through me.

And because we can pray this “in the plural” it can turn into...

- Let Your name be more holy to Your church [in my city... etc.] so it can be seen as holy through Your church to those around us.
- Let Your kingdom come more fully in Your church [in my city... etc.] so it can come through Your church to those around us.
- Let Your will be done more completely by Your church [in my city... etc.] so it can be done through Your church to those around us.

Finally, end each line with the following phrases.

- On earth [in my home, my community, my city... etc.]

- As it is in Heaven [as it is where You are, in Your home, at Your place... etc.]

The “us” portion

Requests 4-7 focus on four big needs of mankind. Having prayed that which is most important to God, we now turn toward what we need most.

- 4) Give us [we are not demanding, we are asking] this day [this phrase can be added to all 7 requests – we are in constant need] our daily bread [that which we really need, physically, emotionally, and especially spiritually]. We need Your provision and You are the best provider ever!
- 5) Forgive us [based solely upon the work of Jesus at the cross] our debts [that which we rightfully owe You and others] as we forgive [releasing, pardoning, no longer punishing, or requiring anything from them] our debtors [all who have hurt us in any way]. We need Your pardon and You are the best forgiver ever!
- 6) Lead us [direct us, guide us... when we know Your direction and when we don't] not into temptation [anything that I may see as a substitute for fullness in Jesus, anything that seeks to take Jesus' place in my life]. We need Your direction and You are the best leader ever!
- 7) But deliver us [keep us away from, nullify every scheme, break every weapon] from the evil one [the one who hates You and us, the one who seeks to steal, kill, and destroy us]. We need Your protection and You are the best protector ever!

Because we can pray this “in the plural” it can turn into...

Give Your church in my city everything it

needs today. Let them look to You and You alone for their provision. Give them physical bread. Beyond that, give them wisdom, give them grace, give them love, give them peace. Then, give them fresh bread from Your word. Give them today's "manna." But most of all, give them more of Your Son, the bread from heaven!

And convince Your church of the value of forgiving. Convince us to quickly and fully release anyone who has sinned against us. Then grant us the forgiveness that we need as well. Let there be nothing between You and us.

Then, Father, lead Your church onto the path You have for her. Don't let us wander away, but let us have ears to hear what you are saying and a heart to respond to Your nudges as well as Your clear voice.

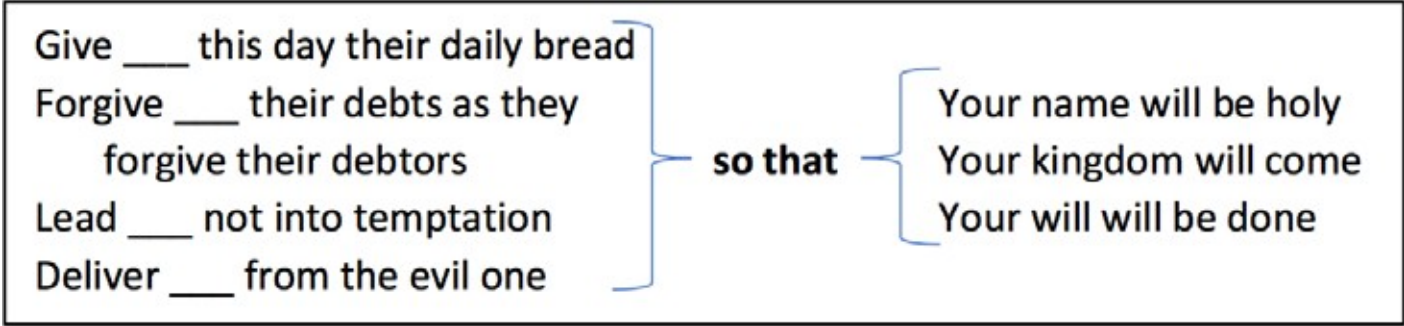
Finally, free Your church from every influence of the evil one. Let Your plans override his plans. Keep every believer in close, tight relationship with You. Use Your Word and Your Spirit to keep us on Your path.

Praying God's Purposes from the Lord's Prayer

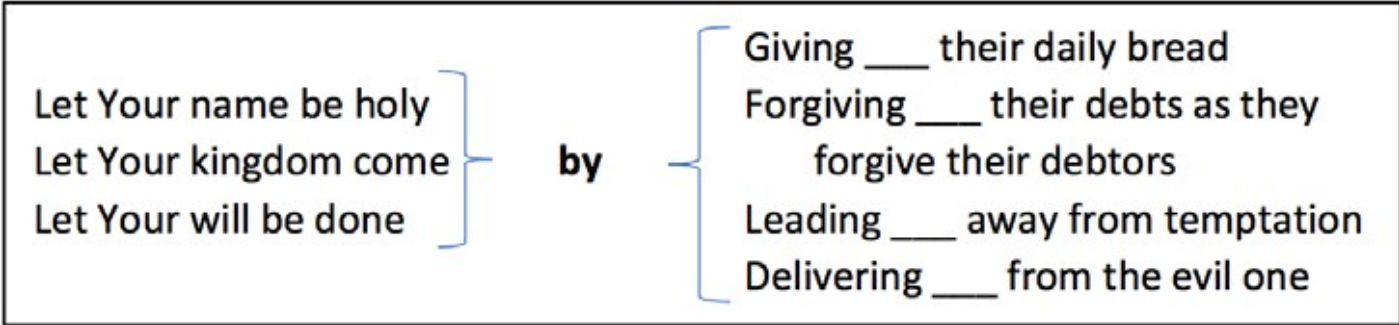
Even though there is a "Your" portion and an "us" portion of this prayer, the two parts are directly related. The primary reason for the "us" portion is not simply to satisfy our big needs. It is to accomplish the three big themes on God's heart! God never intended that we would pray the "us" requests simply to meet our own needs. We are to pray the requests of the second part so that the requests of the first part would be accomplished "on earth as it is in Heaven!"

This can be illustrated and prayed by looking at the two charts below. We will start with

the requests of the second part and relate them to the first part. In each space (where the word "us" would appear) fill in a person or group in your city.



Now, we will begin with the first part and relate it to the second part.



A Prayer Guide for Your Local Church _____

At _____ Church

Prayer is key to church health and vitality. Jesus urged his followers to ask, seek and knock promising that those who did would receive, find, and have doors opened to them. (Matt. 7:7-8). The New Testament Church could not have been the vital, healthy, strong, expansive church that it was without devotion to prayer (Acts 1:14, 2:42, 6:4, Rom. 12:12, Eph. 6:18, Col. 4:2). Neither can _____-Church.

All of the prayer prompts in this Prayer Guide are rooted in Scripture. To pray them is to lay hold of the promises of God for the purposes of God in the lives of the people of God.

Ways to use this prayer guide:

First, prepare your heart for pray by confession. Prayers that come from an impure heart harboring un-confessed sin are not “heard” by God. They’re a waste of time. Let the Spirit cleanse your heart.

Second, spend time in praise & thanks. That will get your heart and mind focused on God, an important pre-requisite to fervent prayer.

Third, use the rest of the Prayer Guide to pray for _____ Church as together we seek to transform lives and build the Kingdom of God in the name of Jesus Christ. The Scrip-

ture-based phrases are the words in italics.

These prompts suggest ways to intercede for our Church. Use the prayer prompts in a way that fits you. Listen to what God has to say through his Word and Spirit. Let God's words to you shape your words to him. The Spirit may also prompt you to add prayers of praise, thanks, confession or commitment related to these themes.

Preparation for Prayer

- Lord, I know that if I cherish sin in my heart, you will not listen to me (Ps. 66:18. So as I enter your presence I ask you to search me and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me (Ps. 139:23-24). I will confess and forsake any and all sins that you make me aware of.
- Lord, I confess _____ asking that you forgive my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness (1 Jn. 1:9). I know that you will hear from heaven and forgive my sin, and will open your ears to my prayers (2 Chron. 7:14-15).
- Lord, help us not only to ask in accord with your will but to ask with right motives that our prayers will bring you glory, advance your kingdom, and accomplish your will on earth (1 Jn. 5:14-15, Jas. 4:2-3, Matt. 7:9-10).

Praise & Thanksgiving

- Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. (forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, compassion, good things, renewal) (Ps. 103:1-5).
- Praise be to you, Lord . . . from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name (1 Chron. 29:10-13).

A Healthy Church

- Lord, make _____ Church healthy, like the church you founded—devoted to biblical teaching, to loving fellowship, to breaking of bread, and to prayer (Acts 2:42).
- Jesus Christ, I pray that you, by your Word and Spirit, will gather, protect and preserve many believers at _____ who will love and serve you wholeheartedly all the days of their lives (Heid. Catechism, Ques. 54).
- Lord, I pray that we may be brought to complete unity and may make every effort to keep

the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (John 17:23, Eph. 4:3). Prepare us for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become spiritually mature (Eph. 4:12-13).

Godly Leaders

- Lord, I pray that all our church leaders will receive from God himself everything they need for life and godliness, and will become servant leaders who, like Christ, are called not to be served but to serve (Matt. 20:26-28, 2 Pet. 1:3).
- Lord, I pray that all our church leaders will pay careful attention to themselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood (Acts. 20:28).
- Lord, I pray that you will give wisdom and integrity to our pastors, elders, deacons and trustees that they may be mature in faith and will conduct their duties with prayer, patience and humility (Acts 6:4, 1Tim. 3:2-13).
- Lord, I pray that our staff will clearly discern God's vision for our church and will lead us according to his purposes. I pray that the Holy Spirit will give them the strength, courage, health, support and spiritual gifts to be fruitful (Prov. 3:5-6, Gal. 5:22-23, Eph. 5:18).

Spiritual Worship

- Lord, I pray that all of us at _____ Church will be the kind of worshipers that the Father seeks—true worshipers who worship him in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).
- Lord, I pray that our pastor and all others who proclaim the gospel at _____ Church may be empowered by the Holy Spirit and enabled to preach the Word of God boldly and clearly—correcting, rebuking, and encouraging with great patience and careful instruction (Acts 1:8, 4:31, 1 Tim. 4:13, 2 Tim. 4:2).
- Lord, I pray that week by week we may. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name" (Psalms 100:4).
- Lord, I pray that you will be greatly honored in our worship as we ascribe to you the glory due your name; bring an offering and come before you; and worship you in the splendor of your holiness (1 Chr. 16:29).

Youth Education

- Lord, I pray that our parents will be able to train up their children and youths in the way they should go so that when they grow older they will not depart from that way (Prov. 22:6).
- Pray that we will be able to diligently teach our children the commands of God, talking

of them when we sit in your homes, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down and rise up so that all our children will chose to live for Christ (Deut. 6:7).

- Lord, I pray that our youth workers will set an example in speech, life, love, faith and purity for those that they lead (1Tim. 4:12).
- Lord, I pray that teachers and counselors will communicate biblical truths clearly and faithfully so that children, teens and adults will be taught, reprovved, corrected and trained in righteousness and be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- Lord, I pray that you will give our young people the discernment and ability to choose the ways of wisdom over foolishness. I pray that they will remember their Creator in the days of their youth (Prov. 2:12-15, Eccl. 12:1, 2).
- Lord, I pray for our college students that the light of God's Word will shine through all that they learn. I pray that our young men and women who attend colleges and universities will learn to think noble thoughts and will be well-prepared to live godly lives (Ps. 119:105, Phil. 4:8).

Fellowship & Hospitality

- Lord, I pray that all our relationships may reflect the fact that we live lives of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a fragrant offering to God (Eph. 5:2).
- Lord, I pray that we may make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace remembering that there is one body, one Spirit . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:3-6).
- Lord, I pray that we all will be enabled to love each other deeply and to offer hospitality to others without grumbling and not forget to entertain strangers (Heb. 13:2, 1 Pet. 4:8-9).

Prayer in the Spirit

- Lord, I pray that we will heed the command of Christ to "Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened (Matt. 7:7-8).
- Lord, enable us always to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests . . . and, keeping in mind the devil's schemes, to always keep on praying for all the saints (Eph. 6:18).
- Lord, I pray that we may be devoted to prayer, and may be watchful and thankful. May our prayers open a door for the message of the gospel (Col. 4:2, 4).

- Lord, I pray that we will lay claim to the promise of Christ to do whatever we ask in his name, so that he may glory to the Father (John 1:12-14).
- Lord, I pray that we may live the kind of righteous lives that will enable us to pray powerful and effective prayers (James 5:16).

Witness to the World

- Lord, help us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to be faithful witnesses in our neighbors, our town, our county, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).
- Lord, I pray that you will give us a burden for the lost and help us reach out to those who are like sheep without a shepherd (Matt. 16:18, John 10:16, Rom. 9:1-3). I pray that our light will shine before others so that they will see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven (Mt. 5:16).
- Lord, I pray that we will obey the Spirit's promptings to make requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgivings for all people, knowing that this is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:1, 3-4).
- Lord, I pray that from the rising of the sun to its setting your name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to your name, and a pure offering" (Mal. 1:11). Please raise up and send out workers into your harvest field (Matt. 9:38).
- Lord, I pray for our missionaries (_____, _____, _____) who bring the message of the gospel at home and abroad. I pray that they may make disciples of the nations and teach them to obey everything that Christ commanded (Matt. 28:19-20).

Community Connections

- Lord, I pray that our congregation will tirelessly live out the love that we have been given in Jesus Christ in such a way that this love will cause non-Christians in our communities to want it for themselves (John 13:34-35, 1 Jn. 4:20).
- Lord, I pray that justice will flow down like a river as Christ's comfort overflows through us to those who suffer from poverty, loneliness, abuse, guilt and insecurity (Amos 5:24, 2 Cor. 1:4-5).
- Lord, I pray that the young men and women who are part of _____ will be kept from physical harm and, through devotional times and loving relationships with mentors, will learn to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord (2 Chr. 24:2, Tit. 2:6-7).
- Lord, I pray a blessing on _____ Church's _____, _____, _____ initiatives, and

ask God to use us to feed the hungry, cloth the impoverished, visit those who are sick and in prison, and reach out to those who are strangers (Matt. 25:31-46).

- Lord, I pray that we may make requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Spiritual Growth

- Lord, help us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).
- Lord, I pray that the Word of God will guide our lives as we meditate on it day and night and become like trees planted by streams of living water, that yield their fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither (Ps. 1:3).
- Lord, I pray that every one of us will so want to walk with Christ in all of life that we will willingly deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him (Matt. 16:24).
- Lord, I pray that we may be strengthened with power through the Spirit in our inner being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, and that we may be rooted and grounded in love (Eph. 3:15-16).
- Lord, I pray that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight that we may discern what is best and be pure and blameless, filled with the fruit of righteousness that is in Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:9-11).

Member Blessings

- Lord will you meet the needs of every member of _____ Church according to your glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).
- Lord, I pray that you will give us strong marriages in which spouses love each other with a love that is patient, kind, not proud or self-seeking—a love that protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres and builds up their marriage partner (1 Cor. 13:4-8).
- Lord, I pray that our family members will have genuine love and concern for each other and be able to display the fruit of the Spirit in all their relations—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Gal. 5:22-23, Eph. 5:22-6:4).
- Lord, I pray that those who are anxious, depressed or discouraged will be restored by God's transforming love and, as they pray with thanksgiving, may find the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, guarding their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6-7).

- Lord, I pray that sons and daughters from our fellowship who have wandered from the faith will come back to the Father who eagerly waits for them to return, and will be restored to the joy of salvation (Ps. 51:10-12, Luke 15:11-24).
- Lord, I pray that you will shepherd those in our church family who are in care facilities or confined to their homes so they will be well cared for and will not be in want (Ps. 23:1-4, Jn. 21:16).
- Lord, I pray that our men and women in the military will be protected by the Lord as they protect our country. Pray that each one will be strong in the Lord and the strength of his might, and will put on the full armor of God so they can take their stand against the devil's schemes (Eph. 6:10).
- Lord, I pray that single members of our churches will find their lives nurtured in the fellowship of God's family and be enabled to add their love and service to building the kingdom of God as part of a loving community (1 Cor. 7:25-35).
- Lord, I pray that the business owners of our fellowship will be blessed of the Lord and will find themselves serving in and caring for the kingdom of God. (Gen. 2:15, Ps. 132:2, Luke 9:62).
- Lord, I pray that all the employable members of our congregation will be gainful employed, and will be skilled and industrious in what they do (Pr. 12:11, 22:29; Eccl. 9:10).

Works of Service

- Lord, make all grace abound to us so that "in all things at all times, having all that we need, we may abound in every good work (2 Cor. 9:8).
- Lord, I pray that we will be cheerful givers who know what it means to sow and reap generously and who discover God's abounding grace, so that we have all that we need, and abound in every good work (2 Cor. 9:6-8).
- Lord, I pray that assisted by our leaders we will all be prepared for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:12-13).
- Remind us, Lord, that sharing with others is a pleasing sacrifice to you. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed (Heb. 13:16, Phil. 2:4).
- Lord, we eagerly desire the spiritual gifts you give us for the good of the church. Help us to know and use our gifts to lovingly and willingly serve others (1 Cor. 12:4-7, 1 Pet. 4:10).

- Lord, I pray for the volunteers who give their time each Sunday: ushers, greeters, nursery help, teachers, sound technicians, musicians and courtesy guides. Ask God to bless them in all that they do for him (Jas. 1:25) and to bless us through their ministries.
- Lord, I pray that our plenty gifted to _____, _____, _____, _____ will supply the needs of those who have little so there may be equality (2 Cor. 8:12).

Names of the Lord —

Malachi 1:11 (NIV)

“My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to my name, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the LORD Almighty.”

Holy, Holy, Holy

Revelation 4:8 (NIV), “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

Isaiah 6:3 (NIV), “And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

Worthy

Revelation 5:12-14 (NIV), “In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” 14 The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.”

I am who I am (Yahweh/Jehovah)

Exodus 3:14-15 (NIV), “God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Gracious and Compassionate

Exodus 34:5-8 (NIV), “Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, ‘The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished!’”

Unfathomable

Romans 11:33-36 (NIV), “Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ‘Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?’ ‘Who has ever

given to God, that God should repay him?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Lord of Hosts (captain of the army)

Exodus 15:2-3 (ESV), "The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name."

Great and Marvelous

Revelation 15:3 (NIV), "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages."

God is Love

1 John 4:16 (NIV), "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love."

Consuming Fire, Jealous God

Deuteronomy 4:24 (NIV), "For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV), "I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will

rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

1 Timothy 6:15-16 (NIV), "which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen."

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV), "And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."

Lord, Adonai (Master)

Psalms 8:1-2 (NIV), "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens."

God Most High, El Elyon

Gen. 14:19-20, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand."

God Who Heals

Exodus 15:26 (NIV), "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I

am the LORD, who heals you.”

Lord, My Shepherd

Psalms 23:1-3 (ESV), “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”

Lord our Peace

Romans 15:33 (ESV), “May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.”

Lord Our Righteousness (Right-living, relationships)

Jeremiah 23:6 (ESV), “And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Names of Jesus Christ

Jesus

Matthew 1:21 (ESV), “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Christ (anointed one, set apart king), the Son of the Living God

Matthew 16:16 (ESV), “Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Immanuel, God with us

Matthew 1:23 (ESV), “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).”

High Priest

Hebrews 2:17-18 (ESV) “Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and

faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

One like a Son of Man

Revelation 1:12-18 (ESV), “Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

Father Heart of God

He is the God our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory! He is good looking!

Ephesians 1:17, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,"

Daniel 7:9-10, "I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; his garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

He is a good Father and gives Good gifts to His children

James 1:17 (ESV), "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

Luke 11:13 (ESV), "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

He is the Father of the fatherless

Psalms 27:10, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me."

Psalms 68:5, "A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation."

He is the Father who never abandons us

Hebrews 13:5, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

We have the Father's approval: He loves us with the same love He has for His Son the Lord Jesus.

Matthew 3:17, "And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"

John 17:3, "in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

He is the Father who names us, and gives us our identity.

Spend some time in listening prayer, asking the Father to give you a new name!

Ephesians 3:14-15, "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,"

He is a Father who challenges us, helps us take risks, and tells us we have what it takes through his grace.

John 14:12, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Embracing Father, who sees us, feels compassion for us, runs to us, embraces us, kisses us, puts a robe on us (His very own), puts a ring on our finger (access to all His estate), puts sandals on our feet (only for sons and daughters, slaves went barefoot), kills the fattened calf for us and throws a party for us!

Luke 15:20-24, "And he arose and came to his

father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." "But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." And they began to be merry."

Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

The Generous Father who gives us everything He has. He wants to spoil us!

Luke 15:31, "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.'"

Matthew 25:34, "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

Our Father is Greater than All! It is settled!

John 10:29, "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

Abba Father, we have the privilege of praying with the same language Jesus uses!

Abba means Papa, or Daddy!

Romans 8:15-16, "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we

cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"

He is the Father who protects us!

Romans 8:38-39, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Holy Father, he is totally set apart from all else. There is no one like him. There is nothing impure in him; he is the Father you always dreamed of having and infinitely more! He is AWESOME beyond your wildest dreams! Unimaginable, indescribable, unfathomable in all that He is and all that he does!

John 17:11 (NIV), "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one."

Righteous Father, everything he does is right, he knows the Right way to live, and the Right things to do!

John 17:25-26 (NIV), "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Claiming God's Spiritual Riches Daily ---

God wants you to have the riches, to gain the victories, to receive the graces, and to cultivate the life practices he has spoken of in his Word. He has promised to give to those who ask, to reveal to those who seek, and to open to those who knock (Mt. 7:7-8). Those who ask in accord with his will receive whatever they ask for (1 Jn. 5:14-15). Those who do not ask do not receive (James 4:2).

Ask Him, "Lord, make me a man of purity"

Spiritual "Riches" God promises to give to ask-ers:

- Be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:16, 5:18)
- Christ dwell in your heart through faith (Eph. 3:17, John 15:4-5)
- Be rooted and grounded in God's love (Eph. 3:17, Deut. 6:4)
- Pray in the Spirit on all occasions... (Eph. 6:18, 1 Tim. 2:1-4)
- Meditate on the Word of God day and night (Ps. 1, 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- Abounding grace (2 Cor. 9:8, Phil. 4:19)
- Abundant life (John 10:10, Eph. 3:19-20)
- Perfect peace (Isa. 26:3, Phil. 4:6-7)
- Filled with the knowledge of God's will (Col. 1:9)
- Wisdom and understanding of the Spirit (Col. 1:8, Jas. 1:5)
- Live a life worthy of God (Col. 1:10)
- Transformed by renewing your mind (Rom. 12:2)
- Conformed to the likeness of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18, Rom. 8:29)
- Holiness (2 Cor. 7:1, 1 Pe. 1:16)
- Godliness (1 Tim. 4:7, 2 Pet. 3:11)
- Righteousness (Mt. 5:20, Ph. 1:11)
- Faithfulness (1 Cor. 4:2, Eph. 1:1)
- Fruitfulness (Jn. 15:16, Col. 1:10)
- Overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4, Ro. 8:37)
- Stand up against Satan (Eph. 6:10-12, Luke 10:19)
- Kept from pride (Jas. 4:10, Ro. 12:3)
- Kept from lust/desire (Matt. 5:28, Gal. 5:16)
- Kept from envy (1 Cor. 13:4, Gal. 3:26)
- Kept from anger (Ps. 37:8, Jas. 1:19)
- Kept from self-will, self-indulgence (Mt. 16:24, Rom. 13:14)
- Kept from deceitfulness (Ps. 119:29, Eph. 4:25)

General Promises —

Romans 8:32 (ESV), "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

Philippians 4:19 (ESV), "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Eph. 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places"

2 Cor. 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work"

Psalms 23:6 (ESV), "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Psalms 84:11 (ESV), "For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly."

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV), "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Luke 12:32 (ESV), "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV), "fear not, for I am with you;

be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 54:17 (ESV), "no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed."

Psalms 91:1, 14-16, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty ..Because you hold fast to me in love, I will deliver you, I will protect you, because you know my name, when you call to me, I will answer you, I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and honor you, with long life will I satisfy you, and show you my salvation"

Deuteronomy 1:30, "The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you!"

Psalms 34:19, "May are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all!"

Romans 8:28, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose"

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV), "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

Romans 8:31 (ESV), "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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you,”

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Isaiah 46:4 (ESV), “even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.”

Romans 14:7-9 (ESV), “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”

Ephesians 4:22-24, “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Colossians 3:9-10, “Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

Colossians 3:12, 14, “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience... And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

Romans 13:12, 14, “The night is far gone; the day is at hand . So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

Romans 6:11, “So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ . It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me . And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.1”

Romans 6:6 (ESV), “We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”

Romans 8:13 (ESV), “For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body (soma), you will live.”

Romans 6:12–14 (ESV), “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (ESV), “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our

warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,"

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV), "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,"

Anxiety/Worry and Stress:

1 Peter 5:7 (ESV), "casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

Psalms 56:3 (ESV), "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Matthew 6:30–32 (ESV), "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all."

Lamentations 3:22–23 (ESV), "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV), "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."

Psalms 32:8 (ESV), "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

Anxiety about assurance of salvation or lack of conformity to Christ

Philippians 1:6 (ESV), "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (ESV), "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."

Anxious about ministry being useless or empty:

Isaiah 55:11 (ESV), "so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Anxious about weakness(physical, spiritual, mental, emotional)

2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV), "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."

Anxious about key decisions to make

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Anxious about facing opponents

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Anxious about the welfare of those I love

Matthew 7:11, "If I being evil know how to give good gifts to my children, how much more will, "Your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Anxious about being sick

Psalms 34:19 (ESV), "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

Anxiety about getting old and dying

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Romans 14:7-9 (ESV), "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living."

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God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."

Jude 24-25 (ESV), "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

Pride:

C.J. Mahaney writes, "Pride is our greatest enemy and humility is our greatest friend. Pride is when sinful human beings aspire to the status and position of God and refuse to acknowledge their dependence on him."

Pride is turning away from God to take satisfaction in self.

James 4:6 (ESV), "But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Proverbs 16:18-19 (ESV), "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud."

Proverbs 8:13 (ESV), "The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate."

James 4:10 (ESV), "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."

Isaiah 66:2 (ESV), "All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to

whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word."

2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV), "If my people who are called by my name 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."

John 15:5 (ESV), "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV), "Now 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, 21 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. Amen."

Philippians 2:3-10 (ESV), "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,"

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV), "Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Impatience:

James 5:7-11 (ESV), "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful."

Lamentations 3:25 (ESV), "The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him."

Romans 8:35-37 (ESV), "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Isaiah 64:4 (ESV), "From of old no one has

heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.”

Hebrews 6:12 (ESV), “but be imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

Psalms 130:5 (ESV), “I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;”

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV), “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Covetousness/Jealousy/Envy

Def. Covetousness is desiring something so much that you lose your contentment in God. Covetous is seeking to find satisfaction in things.

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV), “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

1 Timothy 6:6 (ESV), “Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,”

Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV), “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Luke 12:15 (ESV), “And he said to them, “Take

care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (ESV), “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.”

Psalms 119:36 (ESV), “Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!”

James 3:16 (ESV), “For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.”

Bitterness and Unforgiveness

Bitterness is seeking to find satisfaction in revenge. The more you rejoice in your own forgiveness, the quicker you will be able to forgive others!

“The promise that frees us from an unforgiving, bitter, vengeful spirit is the promise that God will settle our accounts.”—John Piper

Ephesians 4:30-32 (ESV), “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Hebrews 12:14-15 (ESV), “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;”

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV), "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Romans 12:19 (NIV), "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Speech/Judgement/Gossip

James 3:8-12 (ESV), "but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water."

Matthew 12:36-37 (ESV), "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Ephesians 4:29 (ESV), "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."

Proverbs 18:21 (ESV), "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits."

Proverbs 15:1 (ESV), "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 16:24 (ESV), "Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body."

Matthew 7:1-2 (NIV), "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

1 Corinthians 11:29-31 (NIV), "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment."

Matthew 18:15 (NIV), "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over."

Proverbs 16:28 (NIV), "A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends."

Proverbs 18:8 (NIV), "The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts."

Lust and Sexual Sin

Lust is seeking to find satisfaction in sex outside of marriage.

"The fight of faith against lust is the fight to stay satisfied with God. 'By faith Moses forsook the fleeting pleasures of sin. He...was looking for the reward.' Faith is not content with fleeting pleasures. It is ravenous for joy! We must fight it with a massive promise of

superior happiness. We must swallow up the little flicker of lusts pleasures in holy satisfaction, all God wants to be to us in Christ! When we 'make a covenant with our eyes,' it is not merely to avoid something erotic, but it is also to gain something excellent"—John Piper

Matthew 5:28-29 (ESV), "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell."

1 Peter 2:11 (ESV), "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul."

Job 31:1 (NIV), "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl."

Matthew 5:8 (NIV), "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV), "without holiness no one will see the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 4:1–5 (ESV) , "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

Leviticus 18:17 (ESV) , "You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter,"

Proverbs 5:18-19 (NIV), "May your fountain be

blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe, a graceful deer—may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love."

Psalms 16:11, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

1 Cor. 6:13b-20, "The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body...And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, 'the two will become one flesh.' But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Fear and Insecurity

John 14:1-2 (NIV), "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."

John 14:27 (NIV), "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Psalms 27:1 (NIV), "The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalms 91:1 (NIV), "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

Psalms 91:7-10 (NIV), "A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. 9 If you make the Most High your dwelling— even the LORD, who is my refuge— 10 then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent."

Matthew 10:28 (NIV), "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Psalms 18:1-3 (NIV), "I love you, O LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies."

Psalms 46:1-2 (NIV), "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear,"

Joshua 1:9 (NIV), "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Revelation 1:17-18 (NIV), "Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

Disappointment/Despondency/Discouragement/Depression

Psalms 73:26 (NIV), "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV), "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Isaiah 61:3 (NIV), "and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor."

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NIV), "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Psalms 139:11-12 (NIV), "If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

Psalm 42:1-5 (NIV), "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng. 5 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God!"

Psalm 30:5 (NIV), "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

Psalm 23 (NIV), "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Meditating on the Cross of Christ

Luke 22:14-20 (ESV),

"And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Isaiah 53:3-7 (ESV), "He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not

his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin," Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 22:1 (ESV),

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?"

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

Isaiah 50:6 (ESV), "I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

The Glory of the Lamb

Imagine the Highest stoops to become the lowest, the Greatest becomes the least, the

King becomes a criminal! The Lord of all because the servant of all, The Creator becomes the Crucified, the Powerful one becomes the Pierced One

Revelation 5:6 (ESV), "And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,"

Cross Meditation

- Roman Scourging-39 stripes
- Crown of Thorns and Purple Robe ripped from his flesh
- Beard was ripped out, Isa. 50:6
- Nakedness, Shame, Mocking, Beating, Spitting
- Carrying His Cruel Cross, smells, dust, heat
- Physical Exhaustion(no sleep), Thirst and Dehydration
- Demonic Attack and Temptation
- Loneliness, everyone left him, including His Father(last 3 hours)
- Pierced Hands and Feet
- 7 Cries from the Cross:
 1. A Cry of Pardon
Luke 23:34 (ESV), "And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments."

2. A Cry of Assurance

Luke 23:43 (ESV), “And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

3. A Cry of Compassion

John 19:26-27 (ESV), “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.”

4. A Cry of Anguish

Matthew 27:46 (ESV), “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

5. A Cry of Suffering

John 19:28 (ESV), “After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

6. A Cry of Victory

John 19:30 (ESV), “When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

7. A Cry of Submission

Luke 23:46 (ESV), “Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

• Taking on Sin on our behalf, 2 Cor. 5:21

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV), “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

- Taking on our griefs, sorrows, pain, abuse, etc.

- Taking on our WRATH, death, and the eternal Flames of Hell in our place: His Wrath was averted and placed on Jesus Christ as our substitute and now the Father is satisfied.

- Pierced Side, blood and water (Spirit) flowed out.

John 19:33-37 (ESV), “But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

1. Blood of the Lamb,

400 references to blood, 1300 references to the atonement

- He sweated drops of blood
- He bled from beatings to His Face
- He bled from having His beard ripped out
- He bled from the scourging
- He bled from a crown of thorns crushed into his head
- He bled from nails driven through his hands and feet
- He bled from a Roman spear piercing his side

2. Deliverance in the blood of the Lamb

We have protection under the covering of

the blood. Exodus 12:13 (ESV), "The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt."

We have salvation, forgiveness, and redemption in the blood. Hebrews 9:22 (ESV), "Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." Ephesians 1:7 (NIV), "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

There is life, healing, and provision in the blood. Isaiah 53:5 (NIV), "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Psalms 105:37 (NKJV), "He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble (sick) among His tribes."

There is justification in the blood of Jesus. Romans 5:9 (NKJV), "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

There is sanctification in the blood of Jesus. Hebrews 13:12 (NKJV), "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate."

There is peace under the covering of the blood. Colossians 1:19-20 (NKJV), "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

There is washing in the blood. Revelation 1:5 (NKJV), "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,"

There is overcoming in the power of the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 12:11 (NKJV), "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

There is accessibility in the blood, allowing us into the presence of God.

Hebrews 10:19 (NKJV), "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,"

Let's Declare by Faith these glorious promises today:

Today I testify personally to what the Blood of Jesus does for me. Through the Blood of Jesus I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the Blood of Jesus all my sins are forgiven. Through the Blood of Jesus I am justified, made righteous, just as if I had never sinned. Through the Blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, justified and sanctified. Through the Blood of Jesus every curse for disobedience is broken.

Through the Blood of Jesus every blessing of obedience is mine! Through the Blood of Jesus the way to perpetual communion with the Father has been opened and no man can shut it. Through the Blood of Jesus I am heir and possessor of all the riches of my Father's eternal Kingdom. The Blood of Jesus speaks for me today from the mercy seat of God's throne in Heaven.

Therefore, the devil has no place in me, no

power over me, no unsettled claims against me. I overcome the world, the flesh and the devil through the Blood of Jesus!

Exalted Lamb of Glory

Jesus went from wearing a cruel crown of thorns to wearing a golden crown of Glory, from Robes dipped in blood to a Kingly Robe of Splendor, from a mock scepter in his hand to a scepter of authority, from the insults of men to the worship of angels, from the filth of sin to the beauty of holiness...

See his head and hair, once soaked in blood, now dazzling white as snow... See the One whose eyes stung and dripped blood, tears of sorrow, now Blazing Like Fire, like Flames of torches, See the Face, once swollen and raw from patches of His beard torn out, Now his shines shining brighter than the Sun in all its brilliance... See his body, once stripped naked, now clothed in Eternal majesty... see his hands pierced, now bleeding infinite splendor, feet once spiked to a stake of timber, now gleaming like burnished bronze... his side once pierced and now Hear HIM SAY, "This Wound in my Heart is For YOU!

Every Wound Bleeds Glory! Glory that flows from Him, and through Him, and Back to Him!

From Victim to Victor,
From worm to Warrior,
From humiliation to glorification,
From tortured to Triumphant,
From degradation to exaltation,
From a lowly bleeding Lamb to a glorified Lion-Lamb!

He's the One from Whom Glory flows, He's the Central Sun in the universe, he's the Dazzling One, the Outstanding One, He's the Chandelier of Heaven, and He's the Well Spring of Eternity, the Fountainhead of Glory!

Revelation 5:11-12 (ESV), "saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Identity Verses: Decree these Scriptural Truths

The word Delight, mean's God likes you
The word Joy, Rejoicing means that God enjoys you!

- I am the loved by Jesus with the same love that the Father has for Jesus! John 15:9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
- I am loved by God the Father with the same love that Jesus has for his Father. John 17:23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
- I am redeemed—I am bought with a price, with His precious blood. Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood
- God delights in me! Psalm 149:4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

He will beautify the humble with salvation.

- I am fearfully and wonderfully made! Psalm 139:13-14 (ESV), “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”
- God rejoices over me with singing! Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”
- Isaiah 62:4-5 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
- I am the excellent one in whom is all God’s delight. Psalm 16:3 (messianic psalm—meaning David prophesied Jesus’ heart over his people) As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”
- I am engraved on the palms of his hands! Isaiah 49:15-16 (ESV), “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;”
- He is enthralled by my beauty, Psalm 45:11 (NIV), “The king is enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord.”
- I am God’s Treasure and one in whom God has an inheritance. Matthew 13:44-46 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Hebrews 12:2-3, “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- I am healed, forgiven and crowned with splendor. Psalm 103:3-5 (NIV), “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.”
- I have a Hope and a Future, Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV), “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.”
- “The Lord goes before me and fights for me! Deuteronomy 1:30 The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes”
- “I am a new creation, the old has gone the new has come! 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

- I am God's Child 1 John 3:1-2 (NIV), "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"
- "I am forgiven, made clean and reconciled to God. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness., 2 Cor 5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation"
- I am washed in the blood of Jesus, Revelation 1:5-6 (NIV), "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,"
- I am holy and dearly loved, Colossians 3:12 (NIV), "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved"
- I am free from the control of men and from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."
- Yes, I am free indeed. John 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."
- God has called me according to His purpose. Ephesians 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will I am called into fellowship, into relationship, with Jesus."
- Peace, liberty and God's glory are my inheritance now. John 17:22-23 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.. 2 Thesalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all."
- I am God's building, the temple of the Lord in whom the Holy Spirit lives. 1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. Col 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- I am a branch connected to the vine; His life flows through me. John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."
- You are clean because of the word of Christ that was spoken to you, John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."
- "I am an epistle, a letter of Christ, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. 2 Cor 3:3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart."
- "The Father shares His plans and secrets

with me because I am a friend of God. John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

- I am a fellow citizen with all the saints in the kingdom of God. Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."
- I am a stranger to this world, a pilgrim just passing through. 1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul."
- I am a bold witness for Christ because He has made me righteous. 2 Cor 3:11-12 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech."
- United to Him in Love, I am the bride of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:25-32 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."
- I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may

proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

- I am a citizen of a holy nation and one of His own special people. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."
- I am an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ Jesus. Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."
- "As a member of God's family, I am also Abraham's seed and an heir according to the promises made to Abraham. Galatians 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."
- "I am a member of the household of God. Ephesians 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."
- "As a child of the Most High God, I am led by His Spirit. Romans 8:14-15 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."
- "I am a child of the light, a child of the

day. Ephesians 5:8-9 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)."

- With Christ's light in me, I am the light of the world. Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp-stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
- My life brings divine flavor wherever I go for I am the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."
- "God has chosen me to be one of His own, because he wanted Me; Jesus has embraced me as His disciple. John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."
- "In His word, God has called me a priest and a king. Revelation 1:4-6 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own

blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

- I am an ambassador, one of Christ's representatives, in this world. 2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.
- My Life is Hidden in Christ and I am seated in heavenly places. Colossians 3:1-4 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory, Ephesians 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- "God is for me! Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- The Fruit of the Spirit is displayed in my life!
"His kindness and goodness work powerfully through me. Galatians 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."
- I am baptized in the Holy Spirit and clothed with power from on High! Acts 1:8 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.” Luke 24:49, “I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high”

- I am healed by his stripes! Matthew 8:16-17, “When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon- possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.”
- I am strong in the Lord, having overcome the wicked one and the world. I John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Apostolic Prayers & Prophetic Promises —

Prayer for revelation of Jesus’ beauty that we might walk in our calling and destiny by God’s power:

That the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may

KNOW (experience) what is the hope of His calling (assurance/ clarity of God’s call for our life) what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (our destiny as Jesus’ inheritance), and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power... (Eph. 1:17-19)

Prayer to receive the Spirit’s power that Jesus’ presence be manifest in us so we experience God’s love:

¹⁶ THAT He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ THAT Christ may dwell (manifest His presence) in your hearts through faith; THAT you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend (experience) with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; THAT you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:16-19)

Prayer for God’s love to abound in us by the knowledge of God resulting in righteousness in our life:

⁹ That your love may abound still more and more in knowledge (of God) and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve (rejoice in) the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere (no compromise) and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness (Phil. 1:9-11)

Prayer to know God’s will, to be fruitful in ministry and strengthened by intimacy with God:

⁹ That you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may have a walk

worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy... (Col. 1:9- 11)

Prayer for unity in the church and to be filled with supernatural joy, peace and hope (confidence):

⁵May the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another...⁶ that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the...Father...¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:5-6, 13)

Prayer to be enriched by all the gifts of the Spirit including powerful preaching and prophetic revelation:

⁵That you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance (anointed preaching/ singing) and all knowledge (prophetic revelation), ⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you (by miracles), ⁷ so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of...Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 1:5-8)

Prayer for the release of grace to bring the church to maturity especially to abound in love and holiness:

¹⁰Praying exceedingly that... (God will) perfect what is lacking in your faith...¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all... ¹³ that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father. (1 Thes. 3:10-13)

Pray to be worthy (prepared or made spiritually mature) to walk in the fullness of our destiny in God:

¹¹ We pray always for you that God would count you worthy of (prepare us for) this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness (plans for us) and the work of faith with power, ¹² that the name of...Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God. (2 Thes. 1:11-12)

Prayer that the word will increase its influence (effectiveness) in the city as God releases His power on it:

¹ Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may run swiftly (rapidly increase its influence) and be glorified (confirmed with apostolic power and miracles), just as it is with you...³ The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one...⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience perseverance or endurance) of Christ. (2 Thes. 3:1-5)

Prayer for release of God's promise of power for all who tarry (labor in prayer) for breakthrough:

⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49) ⁸ 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)

Prayer for impartation of boldness (singing & speaking the word) by releasing healing, signs & wonders:

²⁹ Lord...grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by

stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus. 31 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 4:29-31)

For the Lord to release His zeal for His people and for His manifest presence to shake all that resists Him:

¹⁵Look down...and see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are (the manifestations of) Your zeal and Your strength, the yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? ¹⁶...You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name. 64:1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down (manifest Your power)! That the mountains (obstacles) might shake at Your presence 2 as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil-- to make Your name known to Your adversaries (sin, sickness, Satan), that the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look (expect)... 4 Since the beginning of the world men have not heard...nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. (Isa. 63:15-16; 64:1-7)

Prayer for God to release anointed laborers into the harvest to minister to the flock and to win the lost:

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37,38)

Prayer for unity in the church that the world would see and believe that Jesus was sent by the Father:

²⁰"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. ²⁴"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." (John 17:20-26)

Prayer for Israel to be saved and the release of the prophetic anointing, miracles and righteousness

¹ My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. (Rom. 10:1)

²⁶ All Israel will be saved...The Deliverer (Jesus) will come out of Zion. He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins. (Rom. 11:26-27)

¹ For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace (or be silent: release a prophetic spirit), and for

Jerusalem's sake I will not rest (or I will not be inactive: release power), UNTIL her righteousness (in all heart issues) goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns (ministry to others). (Isa.62:1)

Actual Old Testament prayers for Israel: Isa.

63:15-64:12; Dan. 9:4-19; Mic. 7:7-20; Hab. 3:2-19; Ezra 9:5-15; Neh. 1:4-11; 9:5-38; Ps. 44; 45:3-5; 65; 67; 79; 80; 83; 85; 86; 90:13-17; 102:12-22; 110:1-5, 122:6-7; 132:11

Old Testament prophetic promises to pray over Israel: (can also be prayed for the Church):

Deut. 4:27-31; 30:1-10; 31:29; 33:26-29; Isa. 11:10-16; 29:14, 17-24; 30:18-33; 32:15-19; 33:2-6, 17; 35:1-10; 42:10-17; 43:1-7; 44:1-5; 45:17, 22-25; 51:3-11; 54:1-17; 56:6-8; 59:19-21; 60:1-62:12; 66:7-14; Jer. 3:14-20; 16:14-21; 31:1-14; 32:16-23; 32:37-42; 33:6-26; 50:4-5; 50:19-20, 34; Ezek. 11:17-20; 16:60-63; 20:33-44; 34:11-31; 37:1-28; Hos. 2:14-23; 3:5; 5:15-6:3, 11; 14:1-8; Joel 2:28-32; 3:17-20; Zeph. 3:8-20; Hag. 2:6-9, 21-22; Zech. 8:2-8; 12:10-13:6; Mal. 4:1-6.

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Jesus aware of his timeframe, just hours before the cross, prays his most intense prayer to the Father. He prays for himself, for his disciples, and for all disciples who would believe in him through their message. Jesus has four specific prayer requests to the Father. All

four of these requests Jesus made twice in the prayer. Let's follow Jesus in his footsteps as we pray these four things for our families, churches, and community.

Father, 'Glorify your Son'

(V1, 5). At the heart of all prayer is that the name of Jesus would be exalted. We pray that his name would be treated as infinitely valuable on earth as it is in heaven. We pray that his name would be 'revealed' and 'revered' As David Bryant says, "the fame of Jesus' name ratifies His claim to fully carry-out his reign, which is all to Heaven's gain, and therefore ours as well"--David Bryant

Father 'Protect them, keep them from the evil one in your name'

(V11, 15). Jesus knew that there was an evil one, an enemy who comes to steal, kill and destroy. This is not a neutral world. Satan wants to destroy the things the Father loves. However, Jesus prays on our behalf as our faithful high priest, and advocate. Pray for the same for your family members, and fellow believers.

Father 'Sanctify them,'

(V17, 19). Jesus prays, "Father I ask that you would sanctify them in truth, Your Word is truth." The process of sanctification is 'becoming like Jesus.' It is both a separation from participating in and being influenced by evil and growth in holiness in both attitudes and actions. We become like Jesus as we believe and live according to 'the truth' of God's Word. Truth here is a noun (the truth), meaning God's Word is the standard against which everything else must be tested and compared. Get into the Word of God until the Word of God gets into you.

Father 'Unite them'

(V21, 23). Jesus prays, "Father may they would be one even as you and I are one." Why? Jesus gives two "SO THAT'S" First, he longs for body of Christ to walk in unity, so that the world out there might know that Father sent His Son for them. Second, that the world will know that the Father loves them just as much as he loves his Son, the Lord Jesus! Jesus reveals to us one of the most powerful strategies to reach the lost as we come together in Christ, nations, denominations, and generations!

Personal Prayer Tools

10 prayers to receive strength in the inner man: F-E-L-L-O-W-S-H-I-P

F - Fear of God: Release the spirit of the fear of God into my heart (Ps. 86:11)

E - Endurance Strengthen my spirit with endurance to do Your will (Col. 1:11)

L - Love: Father, pour out Your love into my heart (Phil. 1:9; Eph. 3:16-19) **L** - Light of glory: Let me see the light of Your glory (Acts 22:6-11; Ex. 33:18; Ps. 4:6)

O - One thing life focus: Help me be a person of one thing who sits at Your feet (Ps. 27:4, Lk. 10:42)

W - Walk worthy: Strengthen me to have a

worthy response to Your grace (2 Thes. 1:11; Lk. 21:36)

S - Speech: Set a guard over my lips. Free me from sinful speech (Eph. 4:29; Ps. 141:3)

H - Humility: Jesus, I want to learn from You how to walk in lowliness (Mt. 11:29).

I - Insight unto intimacy: Give me insight into Your Word, will, and ways (Col. 1:9)

P - Peace and Joy: Strengthen my heart with peace and joy that overpowers fear (Phil. 4:7; Rom. 15:13)

5 prayers to help in fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit: T-R-U-S-T

T – **Thank You** recognize the Spirit's indwelling presence in you simply by thanking Him for it. Pray, "Thank you Holy Spirit, for Your bright presence in me. I love Your presence. Apart from connecting with You, I can do nothing that effectively (supernaturally) renews my love, sustains my zeal for righteousness, and releases revelation and power in my heart. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (Jn. 15:5)

R – **Release Revelation** ask (thank) the Spirit to release abundant revelation of God's heart, word and purposes to you. Pray, Holy Spirit, release abundant revelation in me". "May give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (Eph 1:17)

U – **Use Me** ask the Spirit to use you more and more in the spiritual gifts to minister to others. We pray, Thank you Spirit, for releasing the manifestation of Your gifts and power

through me to help others". (1 Cor 12:7)

S – Strengthen Me ask the Spirit to strengthen your mind, emotions and speech with His might. His power is already in us (Gal. 5:22-23) therefore, pray, "Thank you for the presence of your love, peace, patience, and self-control in me" or "Thank You for warring against my flesh and guarding my speech" To be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man (Eph. 3:16)

T – Teach Me ask the Spirit to teach you about God's will and ways that He may manifest His leadership in every issue in your life including finances, schedule, circumstances, emotions, physical body (diet/health), relationships, alignment of the people you are responsible for (in the home, office, ministry), future, greatness in God, opportunities with divine appointments, fears, addictions and shortcomings. Ask that He establish God's order in your home, job and ministry. We pray, "Spirit, I love Your will and ways, therefore, manifest Your leadership in me". He will give us new ideas, order our steps and open doors of opportunity for strategic alliances in each area of our life as we ask Him. The Holy Spirit... will teach you all things (John 14:6) (see also Jn. 16:13; 1 Jn 2:27)

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