

# **PRAYER BY THE BOOK**

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Who can pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

Anyone, Jew or gentiles, priest or commoner:

"When there shall be famine in the land, when there is pestilence, blasting, or mildew; when there are locusts or ravagers when its enemies have distressed it in the land, in its gates, with any plague and any sickness; (29) whatever supplication, whatever prayer shall be made for **any man**, and for all Your people Israel, when they know each one his own plague, and his own grief, and he shall spread out his hands toward this house; (30) then You shall hear from Heaven, Your dwelling place, and shall forgive, and shall give to each according to all his ways, because You know his heart; for You, You only, have known the heart of the sons of men; (31) so that they shall fear You, to walk in Your ways all the days that they shall live on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers. (32) And, also, to the **foreigner** who is not of Your people Israel, and he has come from a distant land for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm; and they shall come and pray toward this house, (33) then You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling place, and shall do according to all that the stranger calls to You; so that all the people of the earth shall know Your name, so as to fear You, as Your people Israel, and to know that Your name is called on this house that I have built." 2 Chronicles 06:28-32 LITV

"And the sons of the alien who join themselves on Jehovah to serve Him, and to love the name of Jehovah, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant: (7) even them I will bring to My holy mount and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on My altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples, (8) states the Lord Jehovah, who gathers the outcasts of Israel; I will yet gather beside him his gathered ones." Isaiah 56:6-8 LITV

Men and women:

"These all were continuing steadfastly in prayer and in supplication with one mind, with the women, and with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers." Acts 01:14 LITV

Even animals may pray to God:

"To You who hears prayer, all flesh comes." Psalm 65:02 LITV

Preparation for prayer:

Compose the prayer beforehand:

"And while I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and making my cry fall before Jehovah my God for the holy mountain of my God, (21) and while I was setting my prayer in order, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, touched me in my severe exhaustion about the time of the evening sacrifice." Daniel 09:20 LITV

Confess sins:

"Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah does not charge iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. (3) When I kept silence, then my bones became old, through my howling all day. (4) For by day and by night Your hand was heavy on me; my sap was turned into the droughts of

summer. (5) I confessed my sin to You, and I have not hidden my iniquity; I said, I will confess over my transgression to Jehovah; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (6) On account of this let every godly one pray to You, at a time of finding; surely, when great floods come they will not reach him. (7) You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance." Psalm 32:02-07 LITV

"And I said, I beseech You, Jehovah God of Heaven, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those loving Him, and to keepers of His commandments, (6 ) let Your ear now be open, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You today, day and night, for Your servants the sons of Israel; and confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned. (7) Corrupting we have acted corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses. (8) I beseech You, remember the Word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, If you act unfaithfully, I will scatter you among the peoples. (9) But if you will turn to Me and keep My commandments, and do them, though you were cast out to the outermost part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and will bring them to the place that I have chosen, to set My name there." Nehemiah 1:5-9 LITV

Put away evil:

"For You are not a God enjoying wickedness; nor shall evil live with You." Psalm 5:4

"Let him turn aside from evil, and let him do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it; (12) because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against any doing evil things." LXX-Psa. 33:13-17; MT-Psa. 34:12-16" 1 Peter 03:11-12 LITV

Put away pride

"The boasters shall not set themselves before Your eyes. You hate all workers of iniquity." Psalm 5:5 LITV

Put away lying:

"You shall destroy those speaking lies; Jehovah will despise the man of blood and deceit." Psalm 5:6 LITV

Cover oneself with grace:

"But I, in the plenty of Your grace, I will come into Your house. I will worship in Your fear toward Your holy temple, O Jehovah." Psalm 5:7

Petition God to make one's way straight:

"Lead me in Your righteousness, because of my enemies; make straight Your way before me." Psalm 5:8 LITV

Maintain a right relationship with God:

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a *righteous* man availeth much." James 5:16 KJV

Why to pray:

Pray for God's will to be done:

"For I know the purposes which I am planning for you, says Jehovah; purposes of peace, and not for evil; to give you posterity and a hope. (12) Then you shall call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. (13) And you shall seek and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13 LITV

How to Pray:

Pray with one's whole being – body, mind and souls, from the heart:

"My **soul** longs and even faints for the courts of Jehovah; my **heart** and my **flesh** cry out for the living God." Psalm 84:2 LITV

Avoid all distractions and diversions when praying!

Pray to God by name or title:

"But will God in truth dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and Heaven of the heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built! (28) Yet You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant, and to his supplication, **O Jehovah my God**, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today; (29) for Your eyes are open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, My *name* shall be there; to listen to the prayer which Your servant prays toward this place. (30) And You shall listen to the supplication of Your servant, and of Your people Israel when they shall pray toward this place; yea, You shall listen in Your dwelling-place, in Heaven; and You shall hear and shall forgive." 1 Kings 08:27-30 LITV

Opening lines,

Under the law of Moses, believers addressed God by His Name or Title. Born again believers, the redeemed, should address God as their *Heavenly Father*.

- Generic prayer:

"Deliver me, I pray..." (Genesis 32:11)

"I pray, let me see Your Glory..." Exodus 33:18

"I pray, do not let her be as one who is...." Numbers 12:12

"Let my prayer come before You; bow down Your ear to my cry." Psalm 88:02 LITV

- Addressing God as Father

"Again, going away a second time, He prayed, saying, My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass away except I drink it, let Your will be done." Matthew 26:42 LITV

- Addressing God by title:

"O God, I pray, please heal her..." Number 12:13

"Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth." Psalm 54:02 LITV

"Give ear to my prayer, O God; and do not hide Yourself from my cry." Psalm 55:01 LITV

"Hear my cry, O God, and attend to my prayer." Psalm 61:01 LITV

"And now, hear, O our God, the prayer of Your servant and his holy desires, and cause Your face to shine on ....for the sake of the Lord." Daniel 9:17 LITV

"O my God, bow down Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see ...because of Your great mercies." Daniel 9:18 LITV

"Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness. You gave room to me in distress. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1 LITV

"O Lord, You have been our dwelling-place in all generations." Psalm 90:1 LITV

"O Lord, righteousness belongs to You,..." Daniel 9:7 LITV

"O Lord, I pray to You, according to all Your righteousness,..." Daniel 9:16 LITV

"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, attend to us and work! Do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God. For Your name is called on Your city and on Your people." Daniel 9:19 LITV

"O Lord, give ear to my prayer; listen to my voice of supplications." Psalm 86:06 LITV

"Pray I have undertaken to speak with the Lord" (Genesis 18:27, 31)

"...O Lord, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy of those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments, (5) we have sinned and have committed iniquity and have done evilly, and we have rebelled, even by departing from Your commandments and from Your judgments." Daniel 9:4-5 LITV

"O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and made for Yourself a name, as it is this day;..." Daniel 9:15 LITV

"... You, Lord, knower of all hearts,...." Act 1:24-25 LITV

"...Oh God, the God of all the spirits of all flesh..." Numbers 16:22, 27:16

- Addressing God by name:

"O Jehovah my God, I pray,..." 1 Kings 17:21

“Jehovah, God of Abraham...” (Genesis 24:12)

"O Jehovah, I pray You, ...." 2 Samuel 15:31

"O Lord Jehovah, remember me, I pray, and please make me .... only this time, O God. And I shall be avenged with one vengeance...because..." Judges 16:28

"I have sinned greatly in that which I have done. And now, O Jehovah, I pray, take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly...." 2 Samuel 24:10

"Jehovah, God of Israel, there is no God like You in the heavens above or on the earth beneath;..." 2 Kings 8:23

"O Jehovah, hear righteousness; listen to my cry; give ear to my prayer, for it is not in lips of deceit." Psalm 17:01 LITV

"...To You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. (2) O my God, I trust in You; do not let me be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me." Psalm 25:01-02 LITV

"Ah, Lord Jehovah! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and Your outstretched arm; not any thing is too difficult for You,..." Jeremiah 32:17 LITV

"...Please, O Jehovah, ... You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and One who repents over calamity." Jonah 4:2 LITV

"Hear, O Jehovah, and favor me; O Jehovah, be my helper." Psalm 30:10 LITV

"Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and give ear to my cry. Do not be silent at my tears, for I am an alien with You, a pilgrim, as were all my fathers." Psalm 39:12 LITV

"Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and let my cry come to You." Psalm 102:1 LITV

"Give ear to my words, O Jehovah; consider my meditation. (2) Attend to the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for I will pray to You." Psalm 5:1-2 LITV

"O Jehovah God of Hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob. Selah. (9) Behold, O God, our shield; and look upon the face of Your anointed." Psalm 84:08-09 LITV

"...O Jehovah, bow down Your ear, answer me, for I am poor and needy." Psalm 86:1 LITV

"But to You I have cried, O Jehovah; and in the morning my prayer shall go before You." Psalm 88:13 LITV

"Let my cry come near You, O Jehovah; give me wisdom according to Your Word. (170) Let my prayer come before You; deliver me according to Your Word." Psalm 119:169-170

"O Jehovah of Hosts, God of Israel, who dwells between the cherubs, You are He, God, You alone to all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth. (17) Bow

down Your ear, O Jehovah, and hear. Open Your eye, O Jehovah, and see;" Isaiah 37:16-17  
LITV

"Behold, O Jehovah, and look! ..." Lamentations 2:20 LITV

"...O Lord, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy of those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments," Daniel 9:4 LITV

"...I beseech You, Jehovah God of Heaven, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those loving Him, and to keepers of His commandments, (6) let Your ear now be open, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You today, day and night, ...." Nehemiah 1:5-6 LITV

"Lord Jehovah, I pray, forgive...." Amos 7:2

"Jehovah, I have heard Your report; I am afraid, Jehovah. Give new life to Your work in the midst of years, in the midst of years make known; in anger remember compassion." Habakkuk 3:2 LITV

Pray in faith:

"And all things, whatever you may ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive." Matthew 21:22  
LITV

"Therefore I say to you, All things, whatever you ask, praying, believe that you will receive, and it will be to you." Mark 11:24 LITV

Pray from the heart (note: praying aloud is not always necessary, but mouthing the words is important):

"And Hannah rose up after eating in Shiloh, and after drinking. And Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the side post of the temple of Jehovah. (10) And she was bitter of soul, and prayed to Jehovah, and weeping she wept. (11) And she vowed a vow, and said, O Jehovah of Hosts, if looking You will look upon the affliction of Your handmaid, and shall remember me, and not forget Your handmaid, and shall give to Your handmaid a seed of men, then I will give him to Jehovah all the days of his life; and a razor shall not go up on his head. (12) And it happened, when she prayed long before Jehovah, Eli was watching her mouth. (13) And Hannah was speaking in her heart; only, her lips moved; but her voice could not be heard. So Eli thought that she was drunk. (14) And Eli said to her, Until when will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you. (15) And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord; I am a woman pained in spirit. And I have not drunk wine or fermented drink, but I am pouring out my soul before Jehovah. (16) Do not put your handmaid down for a daughter of wickedness; for from the abundance of my complaint and frustration until now I have been speaking. (17) And Eli answered and said, Go in peace, and may the God of Israel give you your petition which you have asked of Him. (18) And she said, Let your handmaid find grace in your eyes. And the woman went her way, and ate, and her face was no longer sad." 01 Samuel 01:09-18 LITV

Pray Fervently:

Jeremiah 29:11-13

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16 KJV

Avoid vain repetitions. A prayer repeated thrice should be sufficient:

"And leaving them, going away again, He prayed a third time, saying the same word." Matthew 26:44 LITV

Direction to pray:

Towards Jerusalem:

"And You shall listen to the supplication of Your servant, and of Your people Israel when they shall pray toward this place; yea, You shall listen in Your dwelling-place, in Heaven; and You shall hear and shall forgive." 1 Kings 8:30 LITV

"In my distress I called on Jehovah and I cried to my God; He heard my voice out of His **temple**<sup>1</sup>, and my cry went before Him, into His ears." Psalm 18:6 LITV

When to pray:

Pray regularly:

"And He shall live, and the gold of Sheba shall be given to Him; and prayer shall be made for Him continually; He shall bless Him all the day." Psalm 72:15 LITV

"Watch! Be wakeful, and pray. For you do not know when the time is." Mark 13:33 LITV

"And He also spoke a parable to them to teach it is always right to pray, and not to faint, (2) saying, A certain judge was in a certain city, not fearing God and not respecting man. (3) And a widow was in that city, and she came to him, saying, Avenge me from my adversary. (4) And for a time he would not. But after these things he said to himself, Even if I do not fear God, and do not respect man, (5) yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will avenge her, that not coming to the end, she wear me down. (6) And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says; (7) and will God not at all execute the avengement of His elect, those crying to Him day and night, also having been long-suffering over them? (8) I say to you that He will carry out the avengement of them speedily. But the Son of Man coming then, will He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:01-08 LITV

"Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, who is of the sons of the exile of Judah, has not set attention on you, O king, or the decree that you have signed, but he makes his **prayer three times** in the day." Daniel 06:13 LITV

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 05:17 LITV

"But we shall **continue steadfast in prayer** and the service of the Word!" Acts 6:4 LITV

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<sup>1</sup> From 1 Corinthians 1:19-20 and since the third Israelite temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. by *Titus Flavius Caesar Vespasianus Augustus* ., it is clear that God means that we are to consider our bodies a temple and therefore wherever we are, a temple is with us from which we may pray.



"But a certain man, Cornelius by name, was in Caesarea, a centurion of a cohort being called Italian, (2) one devout and fearing God, with all his house, both doing many alms to the people and praying continually to God." Acts 10:01-02 LITV

"And on the day of the sabbaths, we went outside the city **beside a river, where it was customary for prayer to be made.** And sitting down, we spoke to the women who came together there." Acts 16:13 LITV

"Let love be without dissimulation, in horror fleeing from evil, cleaving to the good, (10) in brotherly love to one another, loving fervently, having gone before one another in honor; (11) in diligence, not slothful, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; (12) in hope, rejoicing; in affliction, enduring; **in prayer, steadfastly continuing;** (13) imparting to the needs of the saints, pursuing hospitality." Romans 12:09-13 LITV

During times of prosperity and peace:

"But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Jehovah, at a time of favor, O God! in the plenitude of Your mercy answer me, in the truth of Your salvation." Psalm 69:13 LITV

Before calamity strikes:

"On account of this let every godly one pray to You, at a time of finding; surely, when great floods come they will not reach him." Psalm 32:6 LITV

In times of trouble:

"When there is famine in the land; when there is pestilence, blasting, mildew, locusts; when there is the stripping locust; when its enemy has distressed it in the land in its gates; any plague, any sickness, (38) any prayer, any supplication that shall come from any man of all of Your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and shall spread his hands toward this house, (39) then You shall hear in Heaven Your dwelling place and shall forgive and shall act, and shall give to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You have known, You alone, the heart of all the sons of Adam), (40) so that they shall fear You all the days that they are living on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers." 1 Kings 08:37-40 LITV

0600H (Morning)

"You will hear my voice in the morning, O Jehovah, I will set myself for You in the morning, and I will look up." Psalm 5:3 LITV

"And it happened in his serving as priest in the order of his course before God, (9) according to the custom of the priests, entering into the Holy Place of the Lord, it was Zacharias' lot to burn incense. (10) And all the multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Clarke's Commentary on the Bible

The whole multitude - were praying - The incense was itself an emblem of the prayers and praises of the people of God: see Psalm 141:2; Revelation 8:1. While, therefore, the rite is performing by the priest, the people are employed in the thing signified. Happy the people who attend to the spirit as well as the letter of every divine institution! Incense was burnt twice a day

(11) And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right of the altar of incense. (12) And seeing this, Zacharias was troubled, and fear fell on him. (13) But the angel said to him, Do not fear, Zacharias, because your prayer was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear a son to you, and you shall call his name John. Luke 1:8-13 LITV

1200H (Noon)

"And on the morrow, these passing along on the road, and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray about the sixth hour." Acts 10:9 LITV

1500h (Afternoon)

"And Peter and John were going up on the same day into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth." Acts 3:1LITV

"And Cornelius said, From the fourth day until this hour I have been fasting, and the ninth hour I was praying in my house. And, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing. (31) And he said, Cornelius, your prayer was heard and your alms were remembered before God." Acts 10:30, 31 LITV

1800H (Evening)

"And having dismissed the crowds, He (Jesus) went up into the mountain alone to pray. And evening coming on, He was there alone." Matthew 14:23 LITV

2400H (Night)

"Jehovah will command His loving-kindness by day, and His song shall be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life." Psalm 42:8 LITV

"Rise up, cry out in the night at the head of the watches; pour out your heart like waters before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the life of your children faint with hunger at the head of every open place." Lamentations 2:19 LITV

"And having prayed, toward midnight Paul and Silas praised God in a hymn. And the prisoners listened to them. (26) And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the jail were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and all of the bonds were loosened." Acts 16:25-26 LITV

Aloud, passionately, with singing and music:

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in the temple, in the morning and in the evening, Exodus 30:7, Exodus 30:8; but the evangelist does not specify the time of the day in which this transaction took place. It was probably in the morning." Exodus 30:07-08 LITV

"And Aaron shall burn incense of perfume on it morning by morning; when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it. (8) And when Aaron sets up the lamps between the evenings he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the face of Jehovah for your generations. Exodus 30:7-8 LITV

"And the sons of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease to cry to Jehovah our God for us, that He save us out of the hand of the Philistines." 1 Samuel 7:8 LITV

"And he (King Hezekiah) turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Jehovah, saying, I pray to You, O Jehovah, please remember how I have walked always before your face in truth, and with a perfect heart, and I have done the good in Your eyes. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping. And it happened when Isaiah had not gone out to the middle court, the Word of Jehovah came to him, saying, Turn back, and you shall say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, So says Jehovah, the God of your father David, I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you; you shall go up to the house of Jehovah the third day." II Kings 20:02-04 LITV

"An Instruction of David, a Prayer, in his being in the cave. I cry to Jehovah with my voice; I pray to Jehovah with my voice." Psalm 142:1 LITV

"I cried to Him with my mouth, and exaltations were under my tongue." Psalm 66:17 LITV

"And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says; and will God not at all execute the avengement of His elect, those crying to Him day and night, also having been long-suffering over them?" Luke 18:06-07 LITV

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16 KJV

"Then Peter was indeed kept in the prison, but fervent prayer was made by the assembly to God on his behalf." Acts 12:05 LITV

"For so says Jehovah, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the head of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O Jehovah, save Your people, the remnant of Israel." Jeremiah 31:7 LITV

Prayers may be sung for enhanced effect:

"Jehovah will command His loving-kindness by day, and His song shall be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life." Psalm 42:8 LITV

Concisely:

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour the houses of widows, and pray at length as a pretext. Because of this you will receive more abundant judgment." Matthew 23:14 LITV

"And He said to them in His teaching, Be careful of the scribes, those desiring to walk about in robes, and greetings in the markets, (39) and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief couches in the dinners, (40) those devouring the houses of widows, and for a pretense praying at length. These will receive more abundant judgment." Mark 12:38 LITV

"Beware of the scribes, those desiring to walk about in long robes, and liking greetings in the markets, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief couches in the suppers, (47) who devour the houses of the widows, and under pretense pray long. These will receive a more severe judgment." Luke 20:46-47 LITV

Pray in private:

"And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the open streets so that they may be seen of men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward. (6) But you, when you pray, enter into your room and shutting your door, pray to your Father in secret. And your Father seeing in secret will repay you in the open. (7) But when you pray, do not be babbling vain words, as the nations; for they think that they shall be heard in their much speaking. (8) Then do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him." Matthew 6:5-8 LITV

"And having dismissed the crowds, He (Jesus) went up into the mountain alone to pray. And evening coming on, He was there alone." Matthew 14:23 LITV

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"And rising up quite early in the night, He went out and went away into a deserted place. And He was praying there." Mark 01:35 LITV

"And taking leave of them, He went away to the mountain to pray." Mark 06:46 LITV

"But He was drawing back in a deserted place, and praying." Luke 05:16 LITV

"And it happened as He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him. And He questioned them, saying, Whom do the crowds say Me to be?" Luke 09:18 LITV

"And about eight days after these sayings, it happened: also taking Peter and John and James, He went into the mountain to pray. (29) And in His praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing was dazzling white." Luke 09:28 LITV

"And on the morrow, these passing along on the road, and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray about the sixth hour." Acts 10:9 LITV

Pattern – Lord' Prayer

<b>Matthew 06:09-13 LITV</b>	<b>Luke 11:01-04</b>
"So, then, you should pray this way:	"And it happened as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. (2) And He said to them: When you pray, say,
(9) Our Father who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name. (10) Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as it is in Heaven, also on the earth. (11) Give us today our daily bread, (12) and forgive us our debts as we also	Our Father who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done on earth as it also is in Heaven. (3) Give us our needed bread day by day; (4) and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves

<p>forgive our debtors.  (13) And do not lead us into temptation<sup>3</sup>, but deliver us from the evil<sup>4</sup>,  for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory to the ages.  Amen."</p>	<p>also forgive everyone indebted to us.  And lead us not into temptation<sup>5</sup>, but deliver us from the evil."</p>
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How long to pray (before major undertakings):

All night:

"And it happened in these days, He went out into the mountain to pray. And He was spending the night in prayer to God." Luke 6:12 LITV

Commit prayers for interpretation and correction by the Holy Spirit:

"And likewise the Spirit also joins in to help our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes on our behalf with groanings that cannot be uttered. (27) But the One searching the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He petitions on behalf of the saints according to God." Romans 8:26-27 LITV

What to wear:

Men should have their heads uncovered and women should wear headscarves:

"Every man praying or prophesying, having anything down over his head shames his head. (5) And every woman praying or prophesying with the head unveiled dishonors her head, for it is the same as being shaved." 1 Corinthians 11:4-5 LITV

"And every woman praying or prophesying with the head unveiled dishonors her head, for it is the same as being shaved. (6) For if a woman is not veiled, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn, or to be shaved, let her be veiled. (7) For truly a man ought not to have the head covered, being the image and glory of God. But woman is the glory of man; (8) for man is not of the woman, but woman of man; (9) for also man was not created for the sake of the woman, but woman for the sake of the man; (10) because of this, the woman ought to have authority on the head, because of the angels. (11) However, man is not apart from woman, nor woman apart from man, in the Lord. (12) For as the woman is out of the man, so also the man through the woman; but all things are from God. (13) You judge among yourselves: is it fitting for a woman to pray to God unveiled? (14) Or does not nature herself

<sup>3</sup> "Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is eager, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41 LITV.

"Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:38 LITV

<sup>4</sup> "But I pray to God for you not to do evil, none; not that we may appear to be approved, but that you may do the good, and we may be disapproved." 2 Corinthians 13:7 LITV

<sup>5</sup> "And having come on the place, He said to them, Pray that you do not enter into temptation." Luke 22:40 LITV

"And He said to them, Why do you sleep? Rising up, pray that you do not enter into temptation." Luke 22:46 LITV

"I do not pray that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil." John 17:15 LITV

teach you that if a man indeed wears long hair, it is a dishonor to him? (15) But if a woman wears her hair long, it is a glory to her; because the hair has been given to her instead of a veil. (16) But if anyone thinks to be contentious, we do not have such a custom, nor the assemblies of God." 1 Corinthians 11:05-16

Modestly dressed:

"Therefore, I desire the men to pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. (09) So also the women to adorn themselves in proper clothing, with modesty and sensibleness, not with plaiting, or gold, or pearls, or expensive garments, (10) but what becomes women professing fear of God, through good works." 1 Timothy 2:08-10 LITV

Praying in tongues:

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and seek eagerly the spiritual things, but rather that you may prophesy. (02) For the one speaking in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God, for no one hears, but in spirit he speaks mysteries. (03) But the one prophesying to men speaks for building up, and encouragement, and comfort. (04) The one speaking in a tongue builds himself up, but he prophesying builds up an assembly. (05) And I wish all of you to speak in languages, but rather that you may prophesy. For the one prophesying is greater than the one speaking in tongues, unless he interpret, that the assembly may receive building up. (06) But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you, except I speak to you either in revelation, or in knowledge, or in prophecy, or in teaching? (07) Yet lifeless things giving a sound, whether flute or harp, if they do not give a distinction in the sound, how will it be known what is being piped or harped? (08) For also if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will get himself ready for war? (09) So also you, if you do not give a clear word through the language, how will the thing being said be known? For you will be speaking into air. (10) So it may be many kinds of sounds are in the world, and not one is without distinct sound. (11) If, then, I do not know the power of the sound, I will be a foreigner to the one speaking, and he speaking to me, a foreigner. (12) So also you, since you are zealots of spiritual things, seek to build up the assembly that you may abound. (13) So then, the one speaking in a language, let him pray that he may interpret. (14) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. (15) What then is it? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the mind; I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the mind. (16) Else, if you bless in the spirit, the one occupying the place of the unlearned, how will he say the amen at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you say? (17) For you truly give thanks well, but the other is not built up. (18) I thank my God that I speak more languages than all of you. (19) But in an assembly I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may also instruct others, than myriads of words in a foreign language. (20) Brothers, do not be children in your minds, but in malice be like infants, and in your minds be mature. It has been written in the Law, "By other languages" and "by other lips" "I will speak to this people," "and even so they will not hear" Me, says the Lord. (Isaiah. 28:11, 12) (22) So that tongues are not a sign to those believing, but to those not believing. But prophecy is not to those not believing, but to those believing. (23) Then if the whole assembly comes together, and all speak in tongues, and uninstructed ones or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you rave? (24) But if all prophesy, and some unbeliever or one not instructed comes in, he is convicted by all, he is judged by all. (25) And so the secrets of his heart become revealed; and so, falling on his face, he will worship God, declaring that God is truly among you. (26) Then what is it, brothers? When you come together, each one of you has a psalm, he has a teaching, he has a language, he has a revelation, he has an interpretation. Let all things be for building up. (27) If one speaks in a language, let it be by two or three at the most, and in turn, also let one interpret. (28) And if there is no interpreter, let him be silent in the assembly, and let him

speaking to himself and to God. (29) And if there are two or three prophets, let them speak, and let the others discern. (30) But if a revelation is revealed to another sitting by, let the first be silent. (31) For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be encouraged. (32) And the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. (33) For God is not of confusion, but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the saints." 1 Corinthians 14:21-33 LITV

Pray in the Holy Spirit:

"Also, take "the helmet of salvation," and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God; (Isa. 59:17 LXX-Isa. 11:4; MT-Isa. 49:2; LXX and MT-Hos. 6:5) (18) through all prayer and petition, praying at all times in the Spirit, and watching to this same thing with all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints. (19) Pray also for me, that to me may be given speech in the opening of my mouth with boldness to make known the mystery of the gospel, (20) for which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I may speak boldly as it is right for me to speak." Ephesians 06:17-20 LITV

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up by your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (21) keep yourselves in the love of God, eagerly awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to everlasting life." Jude 01:20-21 LITV

Pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon new believers, especially at their baptism by water:

"And it happened, in the baptizing of all the people, Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened; (22) and the Holy Spirit came down in a bodily form as a dove upon Him. And there was a voice out of Heaven, saying, You are My Son, the Beloved; in You I have been delighting. (Psalm. 2:7; Genesis 22:2; Isaiah. 42:1)" Luke 3:21-22 LITV

"And being set free, they came to their own and reported to them what the chief priests and elders said. (24) And hearing they with one passion lifted voice to God and said, Master, You are "the God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all things in them," Ex. 20:11 (25) who through the mouth of Your servant David said, "Why did the nations rage, and the peoples meditate foolish things? (26) The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were assembled on the same day against the Lord, yea, against His Christ." (Psalm 2:1, 2) (27) For truly both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the nations and the peoples of Israel, were assembled against Your holy child Jesus, whom You anointed, (28) to do whatever Your hand and Your counsel before-determined to be done. (29) And now, *Lord, look upon their threatenings and give to Your slaves to speak Your Word with all boldness, (30) in the extending of Your hand for healing and miraculous signs and wonders to happen through the name of Your holy child Jesus.* (31) And they having prayed, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God with boldness." Acts 4:23-31 LITV

"And the apostles in Jerusalem hearing that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, (15) who going down prayed concerning them so that they may receive the Holy Spirit. (16) For He had not yet fallen on any one of them, but they were only being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (17) Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." Acts 8:14-17 LITV

Pray in a thankful attitude:

"And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the leader of the beginning, he **gave thanks with prayer**. And Bakbukiah the second from his brothers, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun." Nehemiah 11:17 LITV

"**In everything give thanks**, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 LITV

"Steadfastly continue in prayer, watching in it with **thanksgiving**, (3) praying together about us also, that God may open to us a door of the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which I also have been bound, (4) that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak." Colossians 4:2-4 LITV

Pray in a joyful state of mind or rejoice in prayer:

"I thank my God on all the remembrance of you, (4) always in my every prayer on your behalf **making my prayer with joy** (5) over your fellowship in the gospel, from the first day until now, (6) being persuaded of this very thing, that the One having begun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ; (7) as it is righteous for me to think this of you all because you have me in your heart, both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you are all sharers of the grace with me." Philippians 1:3-7 LITV

"**Rejoice in the Lord always**. Again I say, Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4 LITV

Posture:

– standing with hands upraised:

"When there is famine in the land; when there is pestilence, blasting, mildew, locusts; when there is the stripping locust; when its enemy has distressed it in the land in its gates; any plague, any sickness, (38) any prayer, any supplication that shall come from any man of all of Your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and shall **spread his hands** toward this house, (39) then You shall hear in Heaven Your dwelling place and shall forgive and shall act, and shall give to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You have known, You alone, the heart of all the sons of Adam), (40) so that they shall fear You all the days that they are living on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers." 1 Kings 08:37-40 LITV

"When there shall be famine in the land, when there is pestilence, blasting, or mildew; when there are locusts or ravagers when its enemies have distressed it in the land, in its gates, with any plague and any sickness; (29) whatever supplication, whatever prayer shall be made for any man, and for all Your people Israel, when they know each one his own plague, and his own grief, and he shall **spread out his hands** toward this house; (30) then You shall hear from Heaven, Your dwelling place, and shall forgive, and shall give to each according to all his ways, because You know his heart; for You, You only, have known the heart of the sons of men; (31) so that they shall fear You, to walk in Your ways all the days that they shall live on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers. (32) And, also, to the foreigner who is not of Your people Israel, and he has come from a distant land for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm; and they shall come and pray toward this house, (33) then You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling place, and shall do according to all that the stranger calls to You; so that all the people of the earth shall know Your name, so as to fear



You, as Your people Israel, and to know that Your name is called on this house that I have built." 2 Chronicles 06:28-32 LITV

"So I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my **hands** in Your name." Psalm 63:04 LITV

"Therefore, I desire the men to pray in every place, lifting up holy **hands** without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 2:8 LITV

"And when you **stand praying**, if you have anything against anyone, forgive it, so that your Father in Heaven may also forgive your deviations." Mark 11:25 LITV

- Kneeling on both knees

"And He was withdrawn from them, about a stone's throw. And having placed the knees, He prayed, (42) saying, 'Father, if You purpose it, take away this cup from Me; but not My will be done, but let Yours be done.' (43) And an angel from Heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him." Luke 22:41 LITV

"And saying these things, placing his knees, he prayed with them all." Acts 20:36 LITV

"But when it was time for us to complete the days, going out, we traveled. And they, with all the women and children went with us as far as outside the city. And placing the knees on the shore, we prayed." Acts 21:05 LITV

- Laying face down / prone

"And going forward a little, He fell on His face, praying, and saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." Matthew 26:39 LITV

Pray corporately:

"These all were continuing steadfastly in prayer and in supplication with one mind, with the women, and with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers." Acts 01:14 LITV

"Then Peter was indeed kept in the prison, but fervent prayer was made by the assembly to God on his behalf." Acts 12:05 LITV

"And considering, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, the one being surnamed Mark, where many were gathered together, and praying." Acts 12:12 LITV

"And on the day of the sabbaths, **we** went outside the city beside a river, where it was customary for prayer to be made. And sitting down, we spoke to the women who came together there." Acts 16:13 LITV

"Steadfastly continue in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, (3) **praying together** about us also, that God may open to us a door of the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which I also have been bound, (4) that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak." Colossians 4:2-4 LITV

Accompany prayer with an offering:

"And Cornelius said, From the fourth day until this hour I have been fasting, and the ninth hour I was praying in my house. And, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing. (31) And he said, Cornelius, your prayer was heard and **your alms were remembered** before God." Acts 10:30-31 LITV

With the burning of incense (optional):

"And it happened in his serving as priest in the order of his course before God, (9) according to the custom of the priests, entering into the Holy Place of the Lord, it was Zacharias' lot to burn incense. (10) And all the multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. (11) And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right of the altar of incense. (12) And seeing this, Zacharias was troubled, and fear fell on him. (13) But the angel said to him, Do not fear, Zacharias, because your prayer was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear a son to you, and you shall call his name John. Luke 1:8-13 LITV

Have a place devoted to regular use for prayer:

"And on the day of the sabbaths, we went outside the city beside a river, where it was customary for prayer to be made. And sitting down, we spoke to the women who came together there." Acts 16:13 LITV

"And it happened, as we went into a place of prayer, a certain girl slave having a Pythonic spirit met us, whose divining brought much gain to her lords." Acts 16:16 LITV

When seeing revelation, pray until a vision comes:

"I was being in the city of Joppa, praying. And in an ecstasy, I saw a vision: a certain vessel was coming down, like a huge sheet, being let down by four corners out of the heaven; and it came as far as me." Acts 11:05 LITV

Do not interrupt someone while they are praying:

"And it happened as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Luke 11:1 LITV

WHAT TO PRAY FOR:

Jerusalem, peace for God's people:

"Pray for the peace of **Jerusalem**; those who love you shall prosper." Psalm 122:6 LITV

The place where you dwell/sojourn:

"And seek the peace of the **city, there where I have caused you to be exiled**. And pray to Jehovah for it; for in its peace you shall have peace." Jeremiah 29:7 LITV

Pray for forgiveness (and forgive) and healing after weeping, mourning, fasting, sack cloth clothing and ashes:

"But in their sickness, **my clothing was sackcloth**; I humbled my soul with **fastings**; and my prayer returned to my bosom." Psalm 35:13 LITV

"And I set my face toward the Lord God, to seek by prayer and holy desires, with **fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.**" Daniel 9:3 LITV

"And Mordecai understood all that was done, and Mordecai tore his clothes and put on **sackcloth with ashes**, and went out into the middle of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry." Esther 4:1 LITV

"I beseech You, Jehovah God of Heaven, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those loving Him, and to keepers of His commandments, (6) let Your ear now be open, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You today, day and night, for Your servants the sons of Israel; and **confessing the sins** of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned. (7) Corrupting we have acted corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses...." Nehemiah 1:5-7 LITV

"Do not deprive one another, unless by agreement for a time, that you may be free for fasting and prayer. And come together again on the same place, that Satan may not tempt you through your incontinence." 1 Corinthians 7:5 LITV

When possible, fast day and night for four days: "And Cornelius said, From the **fourth day until this hour I have been fasting**, and the ninth hour I was praying in my house. And, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing. (31) And he said, Cornelius, your prayer was heard and your alms were remembered before God." Acts 10:30-31 LITV

"And when you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, **forgive it**, so that your Father in Heaven may also forgive your deviations." Mark 11:25 LITV

Pray for others continually, especially that they may be one with God:

- Believers:

For instruction in what is right - "Also I, far be it from me from sinning against Jehovah, from ceasing to pray for you. But I will instruct you in the good and the right way." 1 Samuel 12:23

For oneness with God: "And I do not pray concerning these only, but also concerning those who will believe in Me through their word; (21) that all may be one, as You are in Me, Father, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." John 17:20 LITV

For perfection: "But I pray to God for you not to do evil, none; not that we may appear to be approved, but that you may do the good, and we may be disapproved." 2 Corinthians 13:7 LITV

For knowledge and discernment: "And this I pray, that your love may yet abound more and more in full knowledge and all perception, (10) for you to distinguish the things that differ, that you may be sincere and without blame for the day of Christ, (11) being filled with fruits of righteousness through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 01:09-10 LITV

Especially for church leadership: "Brothers, pray concerning us (Paul, Silvanus and Timothy)." 1 Thessalonians 05:25 LITV

For them to be worthy and to fulfill God's purposes: "For which we also continually pray concerning you, that our God would deem you worthy of the calling, and would fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness, and work of faith in power, (12) so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 01:11-12

For leadership to effectively preach the word and protected from perverse and evil men: "For the rest, brothers, pray concerning us, that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also it has with you, (2) and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men. For faith is not in all men." 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

For leadership to keep a clear conscience and right behavior: "Pray for us, for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, in all things wishing to behave well. (19) But I much more urge you to do this that I may sooner be restored to you." Hebrew 13:18-19 LITV

For healing of the sick: (1) "Does anyone suffer ill among you? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him praise in song. (14) Is any among you sick? Let him call the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. (15) And the prayer of faith will save those being sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he may have committed sin, it will be forgiven him." James 5:13-15 LITV

(2) "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16 KJV

For the brethren to prosper and be in good health: "Beloved, in regard to all things, I pray for you to prosper and to be in health, as your soul prospers." 3 John 1:2 LITV

Give thanks to God for other believers to have love, faith and hope and bear fruit in the Spirit: "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying continually about you, (4) hearing of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love toward all the saints, (5) because of the hope being laid up for you in Heaven, which you heard before in the Word of the truth of the gospel, (6) coming to you, as also in all the world, and it is bearing fruit even also among you, from the day in which you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; (7) even as you also learned from Epaphras our beloved fellow-slave, who is a faithful minister of Christ for you, (8) he also showing to us your love in the Spirit." Colossians 1:3-8 LITV

For evangelists to have an opportunity to witness and be given the words to speak: "Steadfastly continue in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, (3) praying together about us also, that God may open to us a door of the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which I also have been bound, (4) that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak." Colossians 4:2-4 LITV

For other believers to be filled with the full knowledge of God and empowered with all power to all patience and long suffering with joy. And for them to become fit for a share of the inheritance of the saints in light, to be translated into the kingdom of the Son of God's Love:

"For this cause also, from the day in which we heard, we do not cease praying on your behalf, and asking that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, (10) for you to walk worthily of the Lord to all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work and growing into the full knowledge of God; (11) being empowered with all power according to the might of His glory, to all patience and long-suffering with joy; (12) giving thanks to the Father, who has made us fit for a share of the inheritance of the saints in light, (13) who

delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, (14) in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins; (15) who is the image of the invisible God, the First-born of all creation." Colossians 01:09-15 LITV

- for unbelievers:

"And Paul said, I would pray to God, both in a little and in much, not only you, but also these hearing me today to become as I also am, except for these bonds." Acts 26:29 LITV

Pray for deliverance:

"And now, O Jehovah our God, we pray to You, save us out of his hand, and all the kingdoms of the earth shall know that You are Jehovah God, You alone." 2 Kings 19:19

Prayer for healing:

"I pray to You, O Jehovah, please remember how I have walked always before your face in truth, and with a perfect heart, and I have done the good in Your eyes. 2 Kings 20:3

Pray for the ability to hear God's voice:

"Oh my God, uncover the ear of your servant that I may...." 1 Chronicles 17:25

Pray for forgiveness:

Oh Jehovah my God, " I have sinned exceedingly in that I have done this thing; and now, I pray You to cause the iniquity of Your servant to pass away, for I have acted very foolishly." 1 Chronicles 21:8

Pray for mercy:

"Then these men met together and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God." Daniel 6:11 LITV

Pray for enemies, especially those who persecute the church:

"In return for my love, they are my enemies; but I am in prayer." Psalm 109:4 LITV

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor' and hate your enemy; (Lev. 19:18) (44) but I say to you, Love your enemies; bless those cursing you, do well to those hating you; and pray for those abusing and persecuting you, (45) so that you may become sons of your Father in Heaven. Because He causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and unjust. (46) For if you love those loving you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?" Matthew 5:43-46 LITV

"But I say to you, Those hearing: Love the ones hostile to you, do good to those hating you, (28) bless those cursing you and pray for those insulting you." Luke 6:27 -28 LITV

Pray for God to send gospel workers:

"Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is great, but the workers few. (38) Pray then that the Lord of the harvest may send out workers into His harvest. Matthew 09:37-38 LITV

"Therefore He said to them, Indeed, the harvest is much, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He send out workers into His harvest." Luke 10:2 LITV

Pray the tribulation will be forestalled:

"And pray that your flight will not occur in winter nor in a Sabbath. (21) For there will be great affliction, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be. (22) And except those days were shortened, not any flesh would be saved. But on account of the elect, those days will be shortened." Matthew 24:20-22 LITV

"And pray that your flight will not be in winter; (19) for there will be affliction in those days, such as has not been the like from the beginning of creation which God created until now, and never will be. (20) And if the Lord had not shortened the days, not any flesh would be saved; but because of the elect whom He chose, He has shortened the days." Mark 13:18-20 LITV

Pray about the things that concern you:

"Be anxious about nothing, but in everything by prayer and by petition with thanksgivings, let your requests be made known to God; (7) and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 LITV

Pray for God to open a door of witness and for ministers of the gospel to be guided by God in what they speak:

"Steadfastly continue in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, (3) praying together about us also, that God may open to us a door of the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which I also have been bound, (4) that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak." Colossians 4:2-4 LITV

Pray for God to complete things lacking in the faith of believers and for them to increase and abound in love for each other and for their hearts to be established blameless in holiness before God:

"For what thanks are we able to return to God concerning you, over all the joy with which we rejoice because of you before our God, (10) night and day praying exceedingly for me to see your face, and to complete the things lacking in your faith? (11) But may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. (12) And may the Lord make you to increase and to abound in love toward one another and toward all, even as we do also toward you, (13) in order to establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and our Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints." 1 Thessalonians 03:09-13 LITV

Ordaining deacons:

"Then brothers, be looking for men among you receiving testimony, seven men full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint over this need. (4) But we shall continue steadfast in prayer and the service of the Word! (5) And the saying was pleasing before all the multitude. And they chose out Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, (6) each of

whom they made stand before the apostles. And having prayed, they placed their hands on them." Acts 6:3-6 LITV

Ordaining elders:

"And having handpicked elders for them in every assembly, having prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed." Acts 14:23 LITV

Ordaining apostles:

"And in Antioch some among the existing assembly were prophets and teachers: both Barnabas and Simeon, he being called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (2) And while they were doing service to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, So then separate both Barnabas and Saul to Me, for the work to which I have called them. (3) Then, having fasted and prayed, and placing hands on them, they let them go. (4) Then these indeed sent out by the Holy Spirit went down to Seleucia, and from there sailed away to Cyprus." Acts 13:01-04 LITV

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

Pray for fellow believers, especially leadership and evangelists:

"But we ourselves have the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust on ourselves, but on God, the One raising the dead, (10) who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver; in whom we have hope that He will still deliver us, (11) you also laboring together for us in prayer, that the gracious gift by many persons be the cause of thanksgiving through many for us." 2 Corinthians 01:09-10 LITV

For folly (wrong teaching about God):

"And now take for you seven young bulls and seven rams and go to My servant Job, and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. And My servant Job will pray for you. Surely I will lift up his face so as not to do with you according to your folly, in that you have not spoken the right about Me, as My servant Job." Job 42:8

(Warning – this version includes self-curse)

Oh Jehovah my God, "Was it not I.... who sinned, and truly have done evil; and these, the flock, what have they done? O Jehovah, my God, I pray You, let Your hand be on me and on my father's house, and not on Your people, to be plagued." 1 Chronicles 21:17

Direction of prayer:

Towards Jerusalem:

For Jews, and

"And You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that Your servant is praying before You; (20) for Your eyes shall be open toward this house by day and by night, toward the place that You have said to put Your name there, to listen to the prayer that Your servant prays toward this place. (21)

And You shall listen to the supplications of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, that they pray toward this place; and You shall hear from Your place of dwelling, from Heaven, and shall hear and forgive." 2 Chronicles 6:19-21 LITV

"And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house of sacrifice. (13) If I shut up the heavens and there is no rain, and if I command the locusts to consume the land, and if I send pestilence among My people, (14) and My people, on whom My name is called, shall be humbled, and shall pray, and shall seek My face, and shall turn back from their evil ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (15) Now My eyes shall be open, and My ears attentive to the prayer of this place; (16) and now I have chosen and sanctified this house for My name to be there forever; yea, My eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually." 2 Chronicles 07:12-16 LITV

"And Jehovah said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication with which you have made supplication before Me; I have sanctified this house that you have built to put My name there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there forever." 1 Kings 9:3 LITV

...but, ultimately prayer is to be directed to the New Jerusalem in Heaven:

"And the priests, the Levites, rose up and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to His holy dwelling place, to Heaven." 2 Chronicles 30:27

For Gentiles:

"...then You shall hear from Heaven, Your dwelling place, and shall forgive, and shall give to each according to all his ways, because You know his heart; for You, You only, have known the heart of the sons of men; (31) so that they shall fear You, to walk in Your ways all the days that they shall live on the face of the land that You have given to our fathers. (32) And, also, to the foreigner who is not of Your people Israel, and he has come from a distant land for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm; and they shall come and pray toward this house, (33) then You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling place, and shall do according to all that the stranger calls to You; so that all the people of the earth shall know Your name, so as to fear You, as Your people Israel, and to know that Your name is called on this house that I have built. (34) When Your people shall go out to battle against its enemies in the way that You shall send them, and they shall pray to You toward this city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name; (35) then You shall hear from Heaven their prayer and their supplication, and shall maintain their cause." 2 Chronicles 6:30-35 LITV

Prayer for relief from military oppression:

"And if Your people Israel shall be stricken before an enemy, because they have sinned against You; and they shall return and confess Your name, and shall pray and make supplication before You in this house, (25) then You shall hear from Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and shall cause them to return to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers." 2 Chronicles 6:24-25 LITV

Prayer for relief from drought:

"When the heavens shall be shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they shall pray toward this place, and confess Your name, turning back from their sin



because You have afflicted them, (27) then You shall hear from Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, because You have taught them the good way in which they should walk, and have given rain on Your land that You have given to Your people for an inheritance." 2 Chronicles 6:26-27 LITV

Prayer for relief from famine, plague, sickness, pestilence, blight, mildew, locusts or bandits:

"When there shall be famine in the land, when there is pestilence, blasting, or mildew; when there are locusts or ravagers when its enemies have distressed it in the land, in its gates, with any plague and any sickness; (29) whatever supplication, whatever prayer shall be made for any man, and for all Your people Israel, when they know each one his own plague, and his own grief, and he shall spread out his hands toward this house; 2Ch 6:28-29 LITV

Prayer for release from captivity:

"When they sin against You (for there is not a man who does not sin) and You shall be angry with them and shall give them up before an enemy, and their captors shall take them captive, to a land distant or near; (37) and they shall return to their heart in the land from which they have been taken captive, and shall turn back and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have acted perversely and have done wickedly; (38) yea, they shall turn back to You with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and they shall pray toward their land that You have given to their fathers, and toward the city that You have chosen, and toward the house that I have built for Your name; (39) then You shall hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and shall maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You." 2 Chronicles 6:36-39 LITV

Pray for revelation:

"Then Daniel went to his house and declared the thing to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, (18) that they might pray for the mercies of God in Heaven about this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon." Daniel 2:17 LITV

Pray for God to send evangelists and teachers:

"Pray then that the Lord of the harvest may send out workers into His harvest." Matthew 9:38 LITV

**DO NOT PRAY FOR THESE THINGS**

Do not pray for things to satisfy lusts:

"They hurried and forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel; (14) and they greedily lusted in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. (15) And He gave their request to them, but sent wasting into their soul." Psalm 106:13-15 LITV

**TROUBLESHOOTING – why prayer doesn't work:**

Not praying:

"As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. Yet we did not make our prayer before Jehovah our God that we might turn from our perversities and understand Your truth." Daniel 09:13 LITV

"Ask a sign from Jehovah your God; make deep the request, or make it high above. (12) But Ahaz said, I will not ask, nor will I tempt Jehovah. (13) And He said, Hear now, O house of David, is it too little that you weary men, but will you also weary my God? (14) So, The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold! The virgin will conceive and will bring forth a son; and she shall call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 07:11-14 LITV

Not directing prayer to God (or to a false god):

"When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; and my prayer came to You, to Your holy temple." Jonah 2:7 LITV

Iniquity/Sin/Foolishness (false doctrine):

"If I had regarded iniquity in my heart, Jehovah would not have heard." Psalm 66:18

"And it shall be, when it is seen that Moab shall be wearied on the high place, then he shall come to his shrine to pray, and he shall not be able." Isaiah16:12 LITV

"So says Jehovah to this people: So they have loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet; therefore, Jehovah does not accept them. He will now recall their iniquity and punish their sins. (11) Then Jehovah said to me, Do not pray for good for this people. (12) I will not listen to their cry when they fast; and when they offer burnt offering and food offering I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, and by famine, and by the plague." Jeremiah 14:10-12 LITV

Idolatry/Violence/Treachery/Illegitimacy:

Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, escaped ones of the nations; the ones who set up the wood of their carved image, and the ones who pray to a god who cannot save; they know nothing. Isaiah 45:20 LITV

"And you, do not pray for this people; and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them. For I will not hear in the time they cry to Me for their trouble." Jeremiah11:14

Praying with wrong motives:

"For you used deceit against your souls when you sent me to Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us to Jehovah our God; and according to all that Jehovah our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it." Jeremiah 42:20 LITV

Pray for something wrongly and change heart after the fact:

"And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves. And Jehovah will not answer you in that day." 1 Samuel 8:18 LITV

Injustice:

"And they buried the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin, in Zelah, in the burying place of his father Kish, and did all that the king had commanded. And afterward God heard prayer for the land." 2 Samuel 21:14 LITV

Backsliding:

"So we will not backslide from You; make us live, and we will call on Your name." Psalm 80:18 LITV

Being wicked, deceitful ungrateful and perverse:

"To the chief musician, A Psalm of David. O God of my praise, do not be silent; (2) for the mouth of the wicked, and the deceitful mouth, are opened against me; they spoke against me with a lying tongue. (3) And they hemmed me in with words of hating; and they fought against me without a cause. (4) In return for my love, they are my enemies; but I am in prayer. (5) And they put on me evil for good, and hating for my love. (6) Set a wicked man over him; and let an adversary stand at his right hand; (7) when he is judged, let him go out wicked; and let his prayer become sin; Psalm 109:1-7 LITV

"The sacrifice of the wicked is a hateful thing to Jehovah, but the prayer of the upright is His delight." Proverbs 15:8 LITV

"Jehovah is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 15:29 LITV

Disobeying the Law (The Ten Commandments):

"Whoever turns aside his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer is an abomination." Proverbs 28:09 LITV

Being selfish, violent, unjust (lacking in good works) and unrepentant (including for ancestral sins):

"And when you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you. Yea, when you multiply prayer, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. (16) Wash yourselves, purify yourselves. Put away the evil of your doings from My sight; stop doing evil. (17) Learn to do good, seek justice, straighten the oppressor, judge the orphan, strive for the widow." Isaiah 1:15 LITV

"Is this like the fast I will choose, a day for a man to afflict his soul? To bow his head down like a bulrush, and he spreads sackcloth and ashes? Will you call to this as a fast and a day of delight to Jehovah? (6) Is this not the fast I have chosen: to open bands of wickedness, to undo thongs of the yoke, and to send out the oppressed ones free; even that you pull off every yoke? Is it not to break your bread to the hungry that you should bring the wandering poor home? When will you see the naked and cover him, and you will not hide yourself from your flesh? (8) Then your light shall break as the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of Jehovah shall gather you. (9) Then you shall call, and Jehovah will answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If you put the yoke away from among you, the sending out of the finger, and the speaking of iniquity; (10) and if you let out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall be as the noonday." Isaiah 58:05-10 LITV

Intercessory prayer for reprobate idolaters may be ineffectual:

"And you, do not pray for this people; do not lift up cry or prayer for them. Do not intercede with Me, for I do not hear you. (17) Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? (18) The sons gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me. (19) Do they provoke Me, says Jehovah? Is it not themselves, to the shame of their own faces? (20) So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place, on man and on animal, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground. And it will burn and will not be put out." Jeremiah 7:16 LITV

"For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; yea, according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to that shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal. (14) And you, do not pray for this people; and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them. For I will not hear in the time they cry to Me for their trouble." Jeremiah 11:13-14 LITV

Transgression and rebellion:

"We have transgressed and rebelled; You, You have not forgiven. (43) You have wrapped Yourself with anger and pursued us; You have slain; You have not pitied. (44) You have covered for You with a cloud, from any prayer passing through." Lamentations 03:42-44 LITV

Self justification / Self Praise / Self Worship:

"The Pharisee was standing, praying these things to himself: God, I thank You that I am not as the rest of men, rapacious, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. (12) I fast twice on the sabbath; I tithe all things, as many as I get. (13) And standing at a distance, the tax collector would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but smote on his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me, the sinner!" Luke 18:11 LITV

Evil intentions:

"Let him turn aside from evil, and let him do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it; (12) because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against any doing evil things." LXX-Psa. 33:13-17; MT-Psa. 34:12-16" 1 Peter 03:11-12 LITV

Prayer for faithful Christians

In I Thessalonians Ch. 3, the Apostle Paul rejoiced that the believers in Thessalonica were remaining faithful despite persecution. He prayed for them that they would grow in fellowship, grow in love for the church and overflow and he prayed for their holiness.

EVIDENCE THAT ONE IS PRAYING EFFECTIVELY

The person praying is transformed and shines with a brilliant white light:

"And about eight days after these sayings, it happened: also taking Peter and John and James, He went into the mountain to pray. (29) And in His praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing was dazzling white." Luke 09:28 LITV

The person praying will have ecstatic visions:

"And it happened to me, returning to Jerusalem and praying in the temple: I became in an ecstasy, (18) and I saw Him saying to me, Hurry and go out quickly from Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony concerning Me." Acts 22:17-18 LITV

When sick people are prayed for, they will be healed:

"And Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his concubines, and they gave birth. (18) For Jehovah had completely closed up every womb of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, the wife of Abraham." Genesis 20:17-18 LITV

"And the king answered and said to the man of God, Please entreat the face of Jehovah your God, and pray for me, and my hand shall come back to me. And the man of God entreated the face of Jehovah, and the hand of the king came back to him, and it was as at the beginning." 1 Kings 13:06 LITV

"For many in the assembly had not sanctified themselves, and the Levites were over the slaughtering of the passover offerings for everyone not clean, to sanctify them to Jehovah. (18) For many of the people, many from Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun had not been cleansed, but ate the passover not as was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, O good Jehovah, atone for (19) everyone who has prepared his heart to seek Jehovah God, the God of his fathers, yet not according to the cleansing of the sanctuary. (20) And Jehovah listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people." 2Ch 30:17-20 LITV

"And it happened the father of Publius was lying down, suffering from fevers and dysentery; to whom Paul, entering and praying, laying on his hands, cured him." Acts 28:08 LITV

Barren husband or wife made fertile:

"And Isaac prayed to Jehovah for his wife for she was barren. And Jehovah was entreated for him, and his wife Rebekah conceived." Genesis 25:21 LITV (See also Genesis 20:17-18)

"And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, Jehovah shall give you seed of this woman, because of the petition she prayed to Jehovah. And they went away to their place." 1 Samuel 02:20 LITV

God delivers His people from peril:

"At this time tomorrow I will send to you a man out of the land of Benjamin. And you shall anoint him for the leader over My people Israel. And he shall save My people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen My people, for his cry has come to Me." 1 Samuel 9:16 LITV

"If evil shall come upon us, whether sword, judgment, or pestilence and famine, we shall stand before this house and before You, for Your name is in this house, and shall cry to You out of our distress, and You shall hear and save." 2 Chronicles 20:09 LITV

"The eyes of Jehovah are on the righteous; and His ears are open to their cry. (16) The face of Jehovah is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth. (17) The righteous cry, and Jehovah hears; and He saves them out of all their distresses. (18) Jehovah is near to the broken of heart; and He saves the crushed of spirit. (19) Many are the evils of the righteous, but Jehovah helps him out of them all, (20) keeping all His bones; not one of them is broken." Psalm 34:15-20 LITV

"And Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, prayed about this, and they cried to Heaven. (21) And Jehovah sent an angel, and cut off every mighty one of valor, both the ruler and the officer, in the camp of the king of Assyria; and he returned with shame of face to his land. And he entered the house of his god, and those from his bowels caused him to fall there by the sword. (22) And Jehovah saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all; and He guided them on every side." 2Ch 32:20-22 LITV

By prayer, a storm will be calmed:

"They who go down to the sea in ships, who work in the great waters; (24) these see the works of Jehovah, and His wonders in the deep. (25) For He speaks, and He raises stormy wind, and makes its waves high; (26) they go up to the heavens; they go down to the depths; their soul is melted because they are in evil; (27) they reel and stagger like a drunken man, and all their wisdom is swallowed up; (28) and they cry to Jehovah in their distress, and He saves them out of their straits. (29) He settles the storm to a whisper, so that its waves are still; (30) and they are glad, because they are quiet; and He led them to their desired haven." Psalm 107:023-030 LITV

Plagues will be ended:

"And Moses went out from Pharaoh. And he prayed to Jehovah. (31) And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses, and the swarms of flies departed from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; and not one was left." Exodus 08:30 LITV

"And he went out from Pharaoh, and he prayed to Jehovah. (19) And Jehovah changed to a west wind, very strong. And it carried the locusts and threw them into the Sea of Reeds. Not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt." Exodus 10:18 LITV

"And the people were evil, as those complaining in the ears of Jehovah. And Jehovah heard, and His anger glowed, and the fire of Jehovah burned among them and devoured in the extreme edge of the camp. (2) And the people cried to Moses, and Moses prayed to Jehovah, and the fire was quenched." Numbers 11:01-02 LITV

Drought will be initiated:

"Elijah was a man of like feeling to us, and he prayed in prayer for it not to rain; and it did not rain on the earth three years and six months. James 05:17 LITV

Drought will be ended:

"When the heavens are restrained, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they have prayed toward this place, and confess Your name, and have turned from their sin because You have afflicted them, (36) then You shall hear in Heaven, and shall forgive the sin

of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, for You shall teach them the good way in which they shall go, and shall give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance." 1 King 8:35 LITV

"And he (Elijah) prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout." James 05:18 LITV

God will send an angel to explain His revelations (when necessary):

"Then Manoah prayed to Jehovah, and said, O my Lord, the Man of God whom You sent, please let Him come again to us and direct us what we shall do to the boy being born. (9) And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again to the woman. And she was sitting in a field; and her husband Manoah was not with her....(24) And the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson. And the youth grew, and Jehovah blessed him." Judges 13:8-9,24 LITV

God's people will be victorious in battle against their enemies:

"If Your people shall go out to battle against its enemy, in the way that You have sent them, and they have prayed to Jehovah the way of the city which You have chosen, and of the house which I have built for Your name, (45) then hear their prayer and their supplication in Heaven, and perform their cause." 1 Kings 8:44 LITV

"And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I have heard that which you have prayed to Me regarding Sennacherib the king of Assyria;...2Ki 19:32 So Jehovah says this concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor shall he pour out a siege mound against it. (33) By the way that he came in, in it he shall return; and he shall not come into this city, says Jehovah. (34) For I will defend this city, to save it, for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake." 2 Kings 19:20, 33-34 LITV

Captives will be freed:

"And Jehovah brought against them the king of Assyria's army commanders, and they captured Manasseh with hooks, and bound him with bronze fetters, and made him go to Babylon. (12) And when he was distressed, he sought the face of Jehovah his God, and was humbled exceedingly before the face of the God of his fathers; (13) and prayed to Him, and He was entreated of him and heard his supplication, and returned him to Jerusalem to his kingdom; and Manasseh knew that Jehovah, He is God." 2 Chronicles 33:11-13 LITV

The dead will be raised to life again:

"And Elisha came into the house. And, behold, the boy was dead, laid out on his bed. (33) And he went in and shut the door on both of them, and prayed to Jehovah. (34) And he went up and lay down on the boy, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, and stretched himself on him. And the flesh of the boy became warm. (35) And he returned, and walked in the house, once here and once there. And he went up and stretched himself on him. And the boy sneezed seven times, and the boy opened his eyes." 2 Kings 04:32-35 LITV

"And putting all out, placing the knees Peter prayed. And turning to the body he said, *Tabitha, Arise!* And she opened her eyes. And seeing Peter she sat up. (41) And giving her a hand he raised her up. And calling the saints and the widows he presented her living." Acts 09:40-41 LITV

The righteous will see in the spirit and the unrighteous will be blinded in the natural:

"And Elisha prayed and said, I beg You, O Jehovah, open his eyes so that he may see. And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man. And he looked, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.(18) And they came down to it, and Elisha prayed to Jehovah and said, I beg You, strike this nation with blindness. And He struck them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha." 2 Kings 06:17-18 LITV

God will secure His people from their enemies:

"For I was ashamed to ask of the king troops and horsemen to help us against the enemy of the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is on all those who seek Him for good; but His power and His wrath are against all those who forsake Him. (23) So we fasted and prayed to our God for good. And He was pleased to hear us." Ezra 8:22-23 LITV

God will free captives and restore their fortunes:

"And when he prayed for his friends, Jehovah turned the captivity of Job; and Jehovah added to Job all which had been his, to double." Job 42:10 LITV

God will save from death and Sheol:

"And Jonah prayed to Jehovah his God out of the belly of the fish. (2) And he said, I cried out to Jehovah from my distress. And He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried for help, and You heard my voice. (3) For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the current surrounded me; all Your breakers and Your waves passed over me. (4) And I said, I am cast off from Your eyes; yet I will again look to Your holy temple. (5) Waters encompassed me, even to my soul; the depth closed around me; seaweed was clinging to my head. (6) I went down to the bases of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever. But You brought up my life from the pit, O Jehovah my God. (7) When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; and my prayer came to You, to Your holy temple." Jonah 2:1-7 LITV



## **STANDARD PRAYER**

The following is a format that may be used for a general prayer that is intended to cover all the typical elements of prayer.

**Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,<sup>6</sup> the True God, Living God, Eternal King<sup>7</sup>, hear my prayer and answer me according to Your everlasting loving kindness and mercy.**

**Forgive those who have trespassed against me that You may forgive me also and show how great is Your mercy.**

**I confess that I have acted corruptly against You by not keeping Your commandments, statutes, ordinances and judgments as I ought to.**

**Forgive me my iniquity, my trespasses and my sins and cleanse me of all defilement by Your grace through the precious atoning blood of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.**

**As I am seated with Christ at Your right-hand<sup>8</sup>, grant me authority and power over the evil one and all his dominion. Guide me in my thoughts, words and deeds through the excellent, indwelling<sup>9</sup> Holy Spirit whom You have given to us as counselor, comforter, helper, intercessor and interpreter<sup>10</sup> in times of weakness, reminder and teacher<sup>11</sup>, guide in all truth<sup>12</sup> with wisdom and revealer of things to come, bestower of spiritual gifts<sup>13</sup>, judge of sinners<sup>14</sup>, source of knowledge<sup>15</sup>, wisdom, revelation and power<sup>16</sup>, the seal of God's redemption in our lives<sup>17</sup> who renews us<sup>18</sup> and gives us eternal life<sup>19</sup> and who sanctifies us<sup>20</sup> and enables us to serve God's purposes with good deeds and spiritual fruit<sup>21</sup>. Answer me I pray and please speak kindly to Your servant and command Your angels that they may fully and effectually execute Your will in heaven and on the earth and even in hell beneath the earth.**

**I pray peace upon Jerusalem and for God's people that they may prosper who love you.<sup>22</sup>**

**Jehoshua, please also grant peace to (name of your city, county, state and nation).**

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<sup>6</sup> Matthew 22:32

<sup>7</sup> Jeremiah 10:10

<sup>8</sup> Ephesians 2:6

<sup>9</sup> I Corinthians 3:16

<sup>10</sup> Romans 8:26-27

<sup>11</sup> John 14:26

<sup>12</sup> John 16:13

<sup>13</sup> I Corinthians 12:7-11

<sup>14</sup> John 16:7-8

<sup>15</sup> John 16:13-15

<sup>16</sup> I Corinthians 2:10-11, Acts 1:8

<sup>17</sup> Ephesians 1:13

<sup>18</sup> Titus 3:4-6

<sup>19</sup> Ephesians 1:17-20, Romans 8:10-11

<sup>20</sup> II Thessalonians 2:13

<sup>21</sup> Galatians 5:22-25

<sup>22</sup> Psalm 122:6

**Almighty God I pray for all the body of Christ that they may be one, with You, that the world may believe that You sent Your Son. I pray that they will do good and not evil.<sup>23</sup>**

**I pray, that my/our love may yet abound more and more in full knowledge and all perception, that I/we may distinguish the things that differ, that I/we may be sincere and without blame for the day of Christ. Fill me/us with fruits of righteousness through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.<sup>24</sup>**

**I pray for the church leadership that they may be worthy and fulfill Your purposes, bringing You good pleasure in Your goodness. Grant them to work in faith with Your power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified and we also in You according to the grace of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>25</sup>**

**Deliver and preserve our leadership from perverse and evil people that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified; for faith is not in all men.<sup>26</sup>**

**Grant our leaders to have a good conscience, in all things behaving well.<sup>27</sup>**

**Forgive the sick among us and healing them, raise them up to better serve You.<sup>28</sup>**

**Heal me too for I confess that I am a sinner and an unprofitable servant. Grant me fervor and righteousness in my prayer.<sup>29</sup>**

**Prosper my/our brethren and grant them good health as their soul prospers. (3 John 1:2)**

**I give thanks to You my God for fellow believers and pray for them to have love, faith and hope and bear fruit in the Spirit: (Colossians 1:3-8)**

**I thank You for sending evangelists and petition You to give them opportunities to witness and give them also the words to speak: (Colossians 4:2-4 LITV)**

**I pray for me/us and my/our fellow believers to that I/we be filled with the full knowledge of God and empowered with all divine power to all patience and long suffering with joy. And for me/us to become fit for a share of the inheritance of the saints in light, to be translated into the kingdom of the Son of God's Love. (Colossians 01:09-15)**

**I pray for those hearing the Word to become like me/us, believing and obedient to God. (Acts 26:29)**

**O Yahweh my/our God, I/we pray to You, save me/us out of the hand of Your enemies, that all the kingdoms of the earth shall know that You are Yahweh God, You alone. (2 Kings 19:19)**

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<sup>23</sup> II Corinthians 13:07

<sup>24</sup> Philippians 01:09-10

<sup>25</sup> II Thessalonians 01:11-12

<sup>26</sup> II Thessalonians 3:1-2

<sup>27</sup> Hebrews 13:18-19

<sup>28</sup> James 5:13-15

<sup>29</sup> James 5:16

**I/we pray to You, O Yahweh, please remember how I/we have walked always before Your face in truth, and with a perfect heart, and I/we have done the good in Your eyes and heal me/us. (2 Kings 20:3) [Don't pray this unless it applies.]**

**Oh my God, uncover the ear of Your servant that I may hear Your voice to obey it. (1 Chronicles 17:25)**

**Oh Yahweh my/our God, I have sinned exceedingly in that I/we have done (name the sin); and now, I/we pray You to cause the iniquity of Your servant(s) to pass away, for I/we have acted very foolishly. (1 Chronicles 21:8)**

**Grant me/us mercy. (Daniel 6:11)**

**I pray for my/our enemies, that they would feel Your love and become my/our friends. (Psalm 109:4) Bless those cursing me/us. Show me/us how to treat well those hating me/us. Cause those hating and abusing me/us to repent. (Matthew 5:43-46)**

**Help me/us to love those ones hostile to me/us and do good to those hating me/us. Bless those cursing me/us and grant repentance to those insulting me/us." (Luke 6:27 -28)**

**Pray for God to send gospel workers:**

**Oh, Lord of the harvest, send out workers into Your harvest (Matthew 09:37-38, Luke 10:2) that the gracious gift of Your Son be the cause of thanksgiving by many persons. (2 Corinthians 01:09-10)**

**If I/we must evacuate this place, let it not be in the Great Tribulation. But if it be so, let it not be in winter and I/we thank you for shortening the days so Your elect may live! (Matthew 24:20-22, Mark 13:18-20)**

**Here are my concerns. Please take them upon Yourself (relate your concerns to God).<sup>30</sup>**

**Open a door of witness and for ministers of the gospel (name those known to you) to be guided by You in what they speak concerning the mystery of Christ. Make it clear both to them and to those hearing their words. (Colossians 4:2-4) [This is particularly applicable for [Lay hands on them and pray as follows:] praying for unbelievers.**

**Please complete things lacking in the faith of my/our fellow believers and for them to increase and abound in love for each other and for their hearts to be established blameless, in holiness before You at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. (1 Thessalonians 03:09-13)**

**Ordaining deacons:**

**Grant this servant of Yours the spiritual gifts of serving, mercy, leadership (Romans 12:6-8), helps, and administration (1 Corinthians 12:28), and make them fit for the office of deacon. Strengthen and sustain them in resisting the attacks, tricks and traps of the devil that they may please You and bring honor to Your name. (Acts 6:3-6)**

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<sup>30</sup> Philippians 4:6-7

Ordaining elders:

[After having handpicked elders for the assembly meeting the scriptural requirements, and fasting, lay hands on them and pray as follows:] **Lord, I commit** (name of candidate) **to You into whom he/they has/have believed. Bless them with the spiritual gifts of serving, teaching, exhortation, leadership** (Romans 12:6-8), **wisdom, knowledge, faith** (1 Corinthians 12:8-10), **and administration** (1 Corinthians 12:28), **and make them fit for the office of elder that they may lead Your church. Strengthen and sustain them in resisting the attacks, tricks and traps of the devil that they may please You and bring honor to Your name.** (Acts 14:23 LITV)

Ordaining apostles:

[After fasting, separate out the Apostle chosen by the Holy Spirit. Then the other apostles are to place hands on them and send them out with this prayer:] **Lord, Bless** [name of candidate] **with the spiritual gifts of teaching, exhortation, leadership** (Romans 12:6-8), **wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles** (1 Corinthians 12:8-10), **apostleship** (1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11), **and speaking** (1 Peter 4:11) **and make them fit for the office of apostle that they may build Your church. Strengthen and sustain them in resisting the attacks, tricks and traps of the devil that they may please You and bring honor to Your name.** (Acts 13:01-04)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

For folly (wrong teaching about God):

**Lift up the face** (insert name of false teacher) **so as not to do with you according to the folly of Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For like them, they have not spoken the right about You, as did Your servant Job.** (Job 42:08)

For forgiveness of a sin by leadership: (Warning – the first version includes self-curse, the second curses an unrepentant leader)

[By the leader] **Oh Jehovah my God, was it not I who sinned, and truly have done evil; and these, the flock, what have they done? O Jehovah, my God, I pray You, let Your hand be on me and on my father's house, and not on Your people, to be plagued.** (1 Chronicles 21:17)

[By a follower] **Oh Jehovah my God, was it not** [insert name of unrepentant leader] **who sinned, and truly has done evil; and these, the flock, what have they done? O Jehovah, my God, I pray You, let Your hand be on them and on their father's house, and not on Your people, to be plagued.** (1 Chronicles 21:17)



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<b>Governor</b>	
<b>Lt. Governor</b>	
<b>State Senator</b>	
<b>Attorney General</b>	
<b>State Representative</b>	
<b>County Judge</b>	
<b>Sheriff</b>	
<b>Constable – Precinct 3</b>	
<b>Commissioner – Precinct 3</b>	
<b>Justice of the Peace</b>	







