

Prayer *Guide.*

LEADING PEOPLE
INTO A RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS SO THEY
CAN LIVE LIFE
TO THE FULLEST.

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

JAMES 4:8

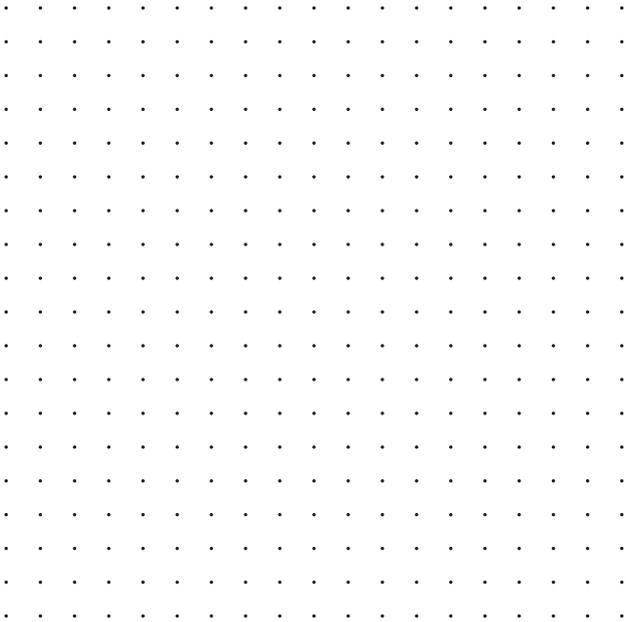


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How To Use This Guide

The Art of Conversation with God

When it comes to talking with God, there's no set script. This guide offers you various avenues to deepen your connection with God through prayer. Explore at your own pace—there's no rush or right sequence.

Choosing a Prayer Model

This book is designed to give you several prayer models. Don't worry about mastering every method right away. Choose one that you'd like to focus on for the day or spend a few days on the same model as you become more familiar with it. This guide is designed to be as flexible as you need it to be.

Getting Started

Once you've chosen your method for today, take your time to focus on its steps, allowing yourself to pray intentionally. If your mind starts to drift, refer back to the model to help you stay focused on your conversation with God.

The Goal: Purposeful Prayer

The goal of this guide is not to add an extra layer of stress or tasks to your day. Instead, it's about introducing you to different biblical models of prayer and helping you find a renewed sense of purpose, effectiveness, and joy in your prayers. Feel free to jot down notes, prayer requests, and even play some worship music to enrich your time with God.

Committing to Consistency

At the heart of it, this guide is here to encourage you to find a new level of purpose, effectiveness, and enjoyment in your prayer life. While it does take commitment and discipline to make intentional prayer a daily habit, remember that it's a "get to" not a "got to." It's a privilege to be able to come to God in prayer.

A Note From *Pastor Josh Copron*

Dear Reader,

The cornerstone of our relationship with God is prayer. While most of us recognize its importance for spiritual growth, it's often our last line of defense rather than our initial course of action. At Grace City, we want to be people who "Pray First." We aim to turn to prayer as our primary response in all circumstances, whether good or bad.

Now, it's not uncommon to find ourselves unsure of what to pray for beyond our immediate needs and concerns. If you've ever felt your mind wander or gotten stuck during prayer, you're not alone. That's why we've crafted this guide—to provide you with practical tools for a focused and fruitful prayer life.

The Bible offers us various models of prayer, and you'll find a few of these in the guide. We believe that practicing these approaches can add richness to your prayer experience and produce fruitful results in your daily prayer life.

Prayer isn't just for specific moments; it can be woven into the fabric of your everyday life. So, remember:

Before the day begins —
Before you go to bed —
Before you go to work or school —
Before you send that text —
Before you eat, drive, or travel —
When bad things happen —
Before bad things happen —
In every situation — PRAY FIRST!

Josh Copron

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Lifestyle *Prayer*

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

MARK 1:35

Lifestyle Prayer

How can we seamlessly integrate prayer into the rhythm of our daily lives? Let's take a cue from the practices Jesus Himself followed...

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

Mark 1:35

A Certain Time

Jesus chose the early morning hours to commune with His Heavenly Father. To make your prayer life effective, carve out a specific time each day dedicated solely to God. Make it a non-negotiable appointment.

A Certain Place

Jesus had a prayer place. Find your own sanctuary for prayer—a place free from distractions where you can focus, pray out loud, and perhaps listen to worship music as you pray.

A Certain Plan

When entering your prayer time, it's beneficial to have an initial plan or structure. Even though your plan might change, having an initial guide can be invaluable. Jesus Himself provided a template for prayer, commonly known as the Lord's Prayer. You'll find this template and other useful tools included in this guide.

By adopting these principles—a certain time, a certain space, and a certain plan—you set the stage for a meaningful and consistent prayer life.

A Certain Time

When during your day can you consistently set aside 10-15 minutes to engage in focused prayer? Consider setting a daily reminder on your phone to help establish this habit.

A Certain Place

Identify a specific location where you feel you can connect with God without interruptions. What makes this place conducive for your prayer time, and how can you make it even more inviting?

A Certain Plan

Outline your initial strategy for your prayer sessions. What elements do you want to include (i.e. worship music, specific prayer topics, Bible verses to meditate on, pictures of people you're praying for), and what steps can you take to evolve your prayer approach over the coming weeks?



The Lord's *Prayer*

One day Jesus was
praying in a certain
place. When he
finished, one of his
disciples said to him,
*‘Lord, teach us
to pray...’*

LUKE 11:1

The Lord's Prayer

On a particular day, as Jesus wrapped up His prayer session, a disciple approached and said, "Lord, instruct us in the ways of prayer..."

Luke 11:1

"Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."

Matthew 6:9-13 NLT

POSITION: "Our Father in Heaven..."

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

Romans 8:15

God loves it when we refer to Him as our Father. This is the foundation for our closeness with Him. Take a moment to appreciate this incredible relationship you share with your Heavenly Father.

PRAISE: "May Your Name Be Holy"

"The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." Proverbs 18:10 MSG

God's name is a sanctuary of strength and safety. Honor Him for who He is and all He has done. Praise His marvelous character and unmatched qualities.

Jehovah Jireh: Our Provider (Genesis 22:13-14)

Jehovah Rapha: Our Healer (Exodus 16:26)

Jehovah Shalom: Our Peace (Judges 6:4)

Jehovah Tsidkenu: Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)

Elohim: Our Refuge and Strength (Psalm 46:1)

**POWER: “Your Kingdom Come,
Your Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven”**

“But seek His Kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.”

Luke 12:31

When you focus on the Kingdom of God first and foremost, you'll witness His power permeating every aspect of your life:

- Personal Life (Luke 9:24)
- Family and Parents (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- Church Leadership (Hebrews 13:7)
- Education and Instructors (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
- Friendships (John 15:13)
- Governance and Leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Salvation for Others (2 Peter 3:9)

PROVISION: “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

*“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”*

Psalm 121:1-2 NLT

Approach God with your needs and desires, be it through His Word, your prayers, or your day-to-day actions. Then, place your trust in Him to fulfill your needs, whether financial, relational, or emotional.

PURITY: “Forgive Us Our Debts as We Forgive Our Debtors”

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

1 John 1:9

Invite God to examine your heart and intentions. Accept His forgiveness for any wrongdoings He reveals and confess your need for His assistance in areas of disobedience. Extend forgiveness to those who have wronged you, even doing so preemptively for future offenses.

PROTECTION: “And Do Not Lead Us Into Temptation but Deliver Us from the Evil One”

*“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God
cannot be tempted with evil, and He himself tempts no one. But each
person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.”*

James 1:13-14

Take your stand against the enemy and fight the good fight of faith. Pray for a shield against harm and for the courage to do what is right. Ask God for the fortitude to resist sin and uphold the good. Replace every lie from the enemy with the enduring truth of God’s Word.

Then return back to...

PRAISE: “For Yours Is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever”

“Ah, Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You.”
Jeremiah 32:17

Conclude your time of prayer by centering yourself on God’s limitless capabilities. Declare that He is Lord of your life, your future, and every decision you make. Just as we begin with praise, we end with praise, giving God honor for who He is in your life:

- “Yours Is the Kingdom” — God reigns with supreme authority.
- “Yours Is the Power” — The strength we need comes only from God.
- “Yours Is the Glory” — Everything we do is to bring Him glory.



Praying *Scripture*

The Word of God isn't
just ink on paper;
*it's the fuel for our
prayers*, igniting
them with truth and
encouragement,
transforming casual
dialogue into *a
powerful connection
with God Almighty.*

Praying Through *Scripture*

Before we dive into the iconic Psalm 23, let's pause to understand the transformative power of praying through scripture. Scripture isn't just words on a page; it's the Living Word, a dialogue between you and God. When you read scripture, listen closely for what God is revealing to you, and then echo that revelation back to Him in prayer. You're not just reading; you're engaging in a sacred conversation.

SCRIPTURE:

PSALM 23

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

PRAYER:

“Lord God, You are my ultimate Provider, meeting all my needs before I even realize they exist. Thank You for being my compass, pointing me toward rest and renewal. You’re not just a guide, but the wellspring of my vitality and the architect of my purposeful life. Even when shadows loom and obstacles appear insurmountable, I am fearless. Why? Because You stand beside me, a constant source of comfort and power. I know You are preparing a bountiful future for me, a feast of blessings that even my enemies can’t take from me. How humbling it is to know that You have anointed me for a divine purpose! Your blessings cascade over me, exceeding anything I could wish for. Your goodness isn’t just for a season; it follows me, day in and day out, forever binding me in Your presence.”

THE PERSONAL JOURNEY:

As we explore more scriptures and prayers, make them your own. The beauty of this process is its personal nature. The promises and teachings that leap off the page are God’s personalized messages for you. Embrace them, pray them, and watch as they reshape your current life season.

Feel free to underline or circle the things that stick out to you in the scripture. This will help create a guide for you when praying.

SCRIPTURE:

JAMES 4:8

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

PRAYER:

Lord, Your Word says if I draw near to You, You'll draw near to me. Today, I choose to step closer to You in prayer, in praise, and by reading Your Word. Fill me, God, with Your presence as I open my heart to You, I ask You to be near to me and change me to be more like You.

SCRIPTURE:

PSALM 139:23-24

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

PRAYER:

Almighty Father, I invite You to examine the depths of my heart. Reveal to me any areas that don't align with Your will, and empower me to change. Guide me on a path that not only enriches my walk with You but also radiates Your love to others, affecting lives for eternity.

SCRIPTURE:

MATTHEW 6:33

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

PRAYER:

God, Your promise is clear—if I prioritize Your Kingdom and Your righteousness, You'll take care of the rest. Today, I surrender my plans to You. Enable me to focus on Your agenda, to love like You, and to proclaim Your goodness. I trust that in seeking You first, You will fill me with indescribable joy and peace.

SCRIPTURE:

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

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

PRAYER:

God, You’ve given me a spirit not of fear but of audacious faith, boundless love, and inner control. When my mind feels out of control, I pray You will renew my spirit and let power, love, and self-discipline fill me. I declare anything that is not of You has to leave me in Jesus’ mighty Name. I proclaim that I do not have a spirit of fear, but I have a sound and healthy mind.

SCRIPTURE:

ROMANS 8:28

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

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, even when I’m surrounded by trials and challenges that appear devoid of any silver lining, I stand on Your promise—that You’re orchestrating everything for my benefit (talk to God about the specific situations that are causing you difficulty or pain). Even though this is how I feel, I choose to believe Your truth over my feelings. When you say You will work all things for my good, I believe You. Even in situations that seem hopeless, I know You are working on my behalf and that You want more for me than I could ever want for myself. Thank You for having a purpose for me and for working all my life circumstances for good.

SCRIPTURE:

DEUTERONOMY 28:12

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

PRAYER:

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

SCRIPTURE:

ROMANS 8:38-39

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

PRAYER:

Father, Your love is steadfast and invincible, stretching beyond the boundaries of time, space, or circumstances. I'm humbled to be enveloped by such a love—one that cannot be dimmed or distanced by any force. Anchored in this love, I step into today with fearless assurance, knowing I'm eternally loved by You.

SCRIPTURE:

ISAIAH 54:17

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

PRAYER:

God, I lean on Your promise today that I am safeguarded from any harm or ill will aimed at me. I feel pressure in my life right now, and sometimes I feel as though life will overcome me (talk to God about the concerns weighing on you). Even though I feel this way, in faith, I claim Your promise that no weapon can overcome me and any accusations against me will be silenced. This truth is verified by Your love and saving power in my life.

Now that you've had some practice praying scriptures, try out praying the following scriptures in your own words. Then feel free to find and begin declaring verses that apply to your life and needs.

Practical Note:

Try underlining or circling key promises, words, or phrases that particularly resonate with you. Remember, this isn't just reading; it's a dialogue with God. Allow these circled promises to guide your prayers, transforming Scripture into a personal conversation with Jesus.

SCRIPTURE:

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

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

JEREMIAH 29:11-13

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

HEBREWS 13:5

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

MATTHEW 11:28-30

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

PSALM 91:1-2

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

PSALM 145:13-14

“The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.”



Prayer *of Jabez*

*I have
hidden
Your word
in my heart
that I might
not sin
against you.*

PSALM 119:11

Prayer of Jabez

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

1 Chronicles 4:10

The Prayer of Jabez serves as an impactful template for daily communion with God. It encapsulates the essence of seeking God’s favor and grace.

BLESSING

Jabez begins his prayer by asking God for His blessing. Why is this significant? Because blessings empower us. More resources, more gifts of the Spirit, and more wisdom enable us to be instruments of change for God’s glory. James 4:2-3 reminds us, “You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives.” God desires to shower us with blessings; what He awaits is our request—rooted in a sincere heart. We have a big God, and we can be bold in asking for His blessing.

“Oh, that you would bless me...”

1 Chronicles 4:10

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

PRAYER:

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

INFLUENCE

Next, Jabez asks for more influence. We too must recognize that God's blessings pave the way for us to impact the world. Our Heavenly Father is not only a giver of blessings but also a facilitator of miraculous opportunities and divine appointments. When we intentionally ask, He willingly places us in circumstances where our influence can reverberate for His glory.

| *"Enlarge my territory..."*

| *1 Chronicles 4:10*

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

PRAYER:

Father, increase my effectiveness in the areas where I can make a difference, and open new avenues for me to touch more lives (name any particular areas where you'd like to have more influence). Help me to be a good steward of the responsibility You've entrusted to me. I pray for greater influence to impact others for Your glory.

PRESENCE

In order to have lasting influence, we need God's presence in our lives. Jabez knows that influence, devoid of God's presence, is empty. Ephesians 3:20 tells us that God can achieve infinitely more than our wildest imaginations could ever conceive, but for that to happen, we need His presence.

| *"Let your hand be with me..."*
| *1 Chronicles 4:10*

Approach God with a humble heart, acknowledging that His presence is non-negotiable. Cast aside self-reliance and allow His Spirit to guide your actions.

PRAYER:

Lord, I confess that apart from You, my efforts are fruitless. Your presence is my lifeline, my source of strength and wisdom. I depend on You completely. I recognize that the same Spirit who raised Christ Jesus from the dead lives in me. Through the power of Your Spirit, I pray that You will help me succeed in the opportunities You've given me. I'm eternally grateful that You are always by my side, and I don't want to tackle any part of today without You.

PROTECTION

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

| *"Keep me from harm..."*

| *1 Chronicles 4:10*

Entrust your vulnerabilities to God. Specify areas where you sense the need for His shield and ask for preemptive protection in areas that you can't yet see.

PRAYER:

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



Prayer + *Devotions*

And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. *Ponder and meditate on it day and night*, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed.

JOSHUA 1:8

Prayer and *Devotions*

Follow this outline for a structured time of prayer, incorporating Scripture readings at each step. Each section has prompts and Bible verses to guide you.

Step 1. Thanksgiving and Praise

Action: Present Yourself to God

Scripture: Mark 12:30

- **Think of a Fresh Reason to Thank Him:** Psalm 100:4, 118:24
- **Present Your Body In Worship:** Romans 12:1; Psalm 63:3-4
Kneeling before Him as your Lord
Lifting your hands to Him as your Source
Standing in praise before Him as your King
Clapping your hands with rejoicing
Dancing with joy as a child
Bowing your head in humility
- **Sing a new song to Him:** Psalm 96:1-2; Colossians 3:16
- **Invite Holy Spirit assisted praise:** Jude 20; 1 Corinthians 14:15

Step 2. Confession and Cleansing

Action: Present Your Heart to God

Scripture: Proverbs 4:23

- **Ask God to Search Your Heart:** Psalm 139:23-24
Sin – receive cleansing and righteousness
Selfishness – receive holiness and sanctification
Stress – receive life and power
Sickness – receive healing and strength
- **Be Mindful of Self-Deception:** Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:6-10
- **Guard Your Words and Thoughts:** Psalm 19:14, 49:3
- **Align Your Goals with God:** Psalm 90:12; Philippians 3:13-14

Step 3. Order and Obedience

Action: Present Your Day to God

Scripture: Psalm 37:5

- **Detail Your Day's Plans to God:**
Psalm 37:4-5, 31:14-15; Deuteronomy 33:25
Choose the fear of the Lord.
Commit your works to God.
- **Indicate your dependence upon God**
Proverbs 3:5-7; Psalm 131:1-3
- **Ask for Specific Guidance:** Psalm 25:4-5; Isaiah 30:21
- **Act on God's Explicit Instructions:** Matthew 6:11, 7:7-8
Through His Word
By choosing to do His will

Step 4. My Declaration Scriptures

Instruction: Write down some of your favorite Bible verses that you want to declare over your life.



Warfare Prayer

Stay alert!

Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. *Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith.*

1 PETER 5:8-9

Warfare Prayer

Prayer is not only communion with God; it is also confrontation with the enemy. When Jesus was on the earth, He went toe-to-toe with satan, using nothing but the Sword of Truth to defend Himself from the enemy's attacks (See Matthew 4 and Luke 4). The best part- in these accounts, Jesus stood against satan not as God, but as a man empowered by Scripture. So can we.

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

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17

Recognize this: life's struggles aren't just physical or emotional—they're spiritual. Thankfully, God has already given us an entire armor kit and arsenal for spiritual warfare. This armor is not a one-time wear but a daily necessity to withstand the enemy's tactics.

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.”
Ephesians 6:11-18

Realize you're part of a greater spiritual battle and take your stand. Deliberately walk through each piece of God's armor as outlined in Ephesians 6, praying for the strength and protection each element offers.

THE WEAPONS OF WARFARE

Based on 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

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

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."
2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Stand firm, armed with the power of the blood of Christ. Command any resistance to the truth of God and His Word to yield to Jesus' authority. Your prayers aren't wishful thoughts; they're targeted, powerful actions propelled by the Spirit of God.

PROTECTION PRAYER

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

We often worry about our safety and protection. In those moments, don't let fear immobilize you. Instead, rush to the throne of God, openly sharing your concerns and claiming His promises of protection for you and your loved ones.

"But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one." 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Lay your fears and worries before God, asking for His supernatural protection. Remember, He has promised to command His angels to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11). Trust His plans and His power — not just to protect, but to empower you and those you care about.

CONFESSION PRAYER

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

Sin casts a shadow between us and God. Yet, the cross of Jesus dispels that darkness, opening the way for reconciliation with our Heavenly Father. Repentance isn't a one-time act; it's an ongoing commitment to transformation.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Approach God with a humble heart, free from the fear of judgment. Regularly share your transgressions, big or small—each one matters. In doing so, you engage in a transformative process that aligns you more closely with God's heart. After confession, lean into the redemptive power of Jesus' sacrifice to cleanse and renew you.

FORGIVENESS PRAYER

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

Forgiveness can feel challenging, but God makes it clear in the Bible that He freely forgives us and we are expected to do the same for others. God's grace isn't a treasure to be hoarded; it's a gift to be given freely, just as we have received it.

*"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."
Matthew 6:14-15*

As you talk with God, be candid about the people you need to forgive. Even if you aren't able to settle a situation with that person, you can settle it with the Lord, letting them off the hook by forgiving them. As you choose to forgive those who have hurt or offended you, you can also praise and thank God for forgiving you when you didn't deserve it.

PRIDE PRAYER

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

Pride can be a silent yet destructive force, always lurking and waiting for an opportunity to pull us away from God's grace. The wisdom of Proverbs reminds us,

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." Proverbs 11:2

Combatting pride means deliberately choosing humility. Make it a practice to confess any lurking pride to God, asking Him to replace it with a spirit of humility and selflessness. If pride is a recurring issue, bring it before God daily.

Note: A potent mix of prayer and fasting can serve as an effective tool for humbling ourselves.

GENERATIONAL BONDAGE PRAYER

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

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

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below...For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."
Exodus 20:4-6

Recognize the generational bondage that might be in your life and bring it before God.

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

HEALING PRAYER

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

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

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

Psalm 103:2-5

Approach God with boldness, asking for healing either for yourself or for someone on your heart. Profess His power and love, placing your faith in His ability to do the miraculous.

MARRIAGE PRAYER

Based on Ephesians 5:25-30

Marriage was created by God, a reflection of Christ’s love for His Church. While the joy and love we find in marriage are fulfilling and wonderful, it’s a relationship that requires diligent work and God’s help.

In marriage, we have the distinct privilege of modeling the love and commitment Christ has for His Church. To love our spouses well, we need the guiding hand of God—His love and Holy Spirit empowering us.

Approach the Throne of Grace, asking God to guide you and your spouse as you aim to live out your marriage covenant. Seek His wisdom, love, and strength to forge a marriage that honors Him and enriches both of you.



Prayer *Targets*

And whatever
you ask in my
Name, that I
will do, that the
Father may be
glorified in the
Son. *If you ask
anything in my
Name,
I will do it.*

JOHN 14:13-14

Prayer *Targets*

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

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pray for those in authority and those under your authority. Jot down reminders of specific things you want to pray over them.

MY FAMILY

Spouse
Children
Parents
Siblings
Extended Family

MY GOVERNMENT

President
National Leaders
State Leaders
Local/City Leaders

MY SMALL GROUP

Group Leaders
Group Members

MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Employer
Co-workers
Employees
Teachers/Professors

MY CHURCH

Grace City Church
The Church Staff
Pastors Josh & Brynn Copron

By specifically aligning our prayers, we'll witness God's movement in our congregation and community. Help us unify our prayers by interceding over the following areas outlined in Grace City Church's vision statement:

ENCOUNTER GOD:

- People saved, set free and made whole (salvations and baptisms)
- Marriages to experience restoration
- Health and healing for our church family (undeniable miracles)
- The presence of God to inhabit our worship services
- Powerful and transforming times of corporate praise and worship

EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY:

- People to actively engage and grow in our Small Groups
- Small Groups to provide life-giving and nurturing community
- People to be united in heart, vision and passion for God
- Authentic and transparent relationships to develop

EMPOWER PEOPLE:

- People to be disciplined and equipped to live the life God has for them
- For each generation to pour into the next
- To develop a passion for prayer, the Word and God's presence in our adults, students and children
- Giftings discovered and utilized for kingdom impact
- Favor in jobs, resources, opportunities, resources and influence
- Financial health and breakthrough
- Joyful, consistent and sacrificial giving returned 100-fold in blessings

ENGAGE OUR CITY:

- Position us to radiate God's love and grace to our community
- Cultivate a heart to serve our neighbors with the heart of Christ
- Influence in our culture, city, region and schools

Local Missions: Salvation Army, Liberty House, The Anchorage, Graceway, benevolence and more

National Missions: Church planting, Rescue 1, etc.

International Missions: Haiti Orphanage, Preemptive Love, The Millers, etc.



Praying *For The Lost*

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. *Instead, he is patient with you*, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:9

Pray through the outline below for each person that you want to see encounter God and experience relationship with Him.

1. Ask the Father to Draw Them Near

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”
John 6:44

2. Counteract Spiritual Blindness

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” *2 Corinthians 4:4*

3. Release the Spirit of Adoption (Sonship)

“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’”
Romans 8:15

4. Pray Believers Will Cross Their Paths And Enter Into Positive Relationships With Them

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” *Matthew 9:38*

5. Unlock Wisdom and Revelation for Deeper Understanding of God

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.” *Ephesians 1:17*

Journal Your Insights

As you invest time in praying for these individuals, take note of specific thoughts or encouragements the Lord places on your heart for them. These could be words of wisdom, knowledge, or prophetic encouragement you may get to share with them later.



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Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21