

Prayer Pointers for Believers

PURSUING GOD'S PRESENCE - Small Group Resource

As believers, God has richly blessed us with a new identity and abundant promises. Praying Scripture, where we align our prayers with God's word, is a powerful way to pray! It honours God's heart for us and reminds us of his goodness.

Small Group Dialogue

- How have other people's prayers for you made a difference in your life?
- For whom do you like to pray?
- What does praying for other believers look like in your daily life?
- For what kind of requests do you find yourself asking God? Do you tend to ask requests along a certain theme?
- Are there Christians in your life whom you don't know how to pray for because they seem to be doing okay?
- For those whom you love who are struggling, does the pain you feel for them leave you feeling like you don't know what to pray?
- How has God shown Himself faithful to you through prayer? What examples of answered prayer do you have that you would like to share?
- How has a 'No', or 'Wait' answer to prayer been a good thing for you?
- For whom is God asking you to pray more intentionally?
- How can we encourage one another in praying Scripture for believers?

The following Scriptures are categorized by theme and can be helpful when you don't know how else to pray for another Christian. Invite the Holy Spirit to direct your prayers as you pray these blessings and/or declarations for them. You can also praise God for these amazing treasures that He has for us!

Position/Standing in Christ

In Christ, we have a new identity and relationship with God. Ask God to establish these in our minds, our hearts and our spirits.

- chosen of God, holy, and dearly loved (Colossians 3:12)
- chosen in Christ, predestined in love (Ephesians 1:5-6)
- a beloved son or daughter of God (2 Corinthians 6:18)
- a friend of God (John 15:14)
- the dwelling place of God (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19)
- a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- forgiven – without blame (Romans 8:1; Ephesians 1:4)
- a righteous and holy one (Ephesians 4:24)
- a citizen of the kingdom of Christ (Colossians 1:13)
- blessed with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
- a child of light (1 Thessalonians 5:5)
- a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- a saint (Ephesians 1:1)
- bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Corinthians 1:21)
- firmly rooted in Christ (Colossians 2:7)
- freed from sin (Romans 6:7)

Blessings and Promises

God's goodness to His children is shown in many ways! Pray that God would pour out His blessings and that the person would receive these blessings from Him instead of trying to find them from ungodly sources.

- Be filled with inexpressible and glorious joy (1 Peter 1:8-9)
- Experience satisfaction/fulfilment (Isaiah 58:11)
- Have greater peace (John 14:27)
- Find comfort (1 Corinthians 1:3)
- Be brought to a place of abundance (Psalm 66:12)
- Find strength for the weary (Isaiah 40:28-29)
- Receive power for the weak (Isaiah 40:28-29)
- Find refreshment (Psalm 68:9-10)
- Be blessed with abundant blessings (Psalm 68:10)
- Flourish (Proverbs 11:28)
- Abound in hope (Romans 15:13)
- Have boldness (Philippians 1:20)
- Have perseverance (Galatians 6:9)
- Have assurance (Hebrews 10:22)
- Have confidence (Psalm 118:6,8)
- Have rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Have freedom from anxiety (Philippians 4:6)
- Have God's daily provision (Matthew 6:31-34)
- Have God's protection (Psalm 91:3-7)
- Have security (Psalm 119:114)
- Have courage (Joshua 1:9)
- Experience victory (Romans 8:25)
- Have unshakable trust (Psalm 21:7)
- Be enabled to walk on heights (Habakkuk 3:19)
- Have the ability to run a good race (Galatians 6:9-10)
- Experience healing of wounded heart (Psalm 147:3)
- Be filled with gladness and joy (Psalm 31:7)
- Be strong, firm, and steadfast (1 Peter 5:10)
- Experience mercy, peace and love in abundance (Jude 2)

Increased Growth and Maturity

God has more for us in our journey with Him before we get to heaven. Here are a variety of Scriptures that we can pray to live a transformed and Spirit-filled life.

Desire God more

- Have wisdom and revelation to know the Father better (Ephesians 1:17)
- Have the power to grasp and truly know the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18)
- Cry out for God with heart and flesh (Psalm 84:2)
- Set heart on His laws (Psalm 119:30)
- Gaze upon the beauty of God and seek Him (Psalm 27:4)
- Feast on the abundance of His house (Psalm 36:8-9)
- Drink from river of His delight (Psalm 36:8-9)
- Feel fresh and green in His presence (Psalm 16:11)
- Hunger and thirst for His presence (Psalm 84:1-2)

Experience God's fullness more

- Be filled with the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19)
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
- Be filled with the love of God (Romans 5:5)
- Be led by the Spirit (Galatians 5:18)
- Keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)
- Be transformed into His likeness (2 Corinthians 2:17-18)
- Be filled with His bounty (Jeremiah 31:14)
- Experience His abundance (Psalm 66:12)

Grow in Christ-like character

- Put on the new man (Ephesians 4:24)
- Be transformed by renewing of mind (Romans 12:2)
- Have truth in inward parts (Psalm 51:6-8)
- Be aware of sin (Jeremiah 17:9-10, Romans 12:2)
- Take every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
- Be rooted and established in love (Ephesians 3:17)
- Walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:24-25)
- Clothe self with the character of Christ (Colossians 3:12)
- Be filled with fruits of righteousness (Philippians 1:11)
- May not quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
- Be overflowing with thankfulness (Colossians 2:6)
- Be transformed into Christlikeness (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Listen to & learn from God (John 6:44-45)
- Be pure (James 4:8)
- Have power, love, and self-control (2 Timothy 1:17)
- Have the mind of Christ (Philippians 4:6-8) (true, honest, just pure, lovely, good, virtuous, praiseworthy thoughts)
- Be gentle (2 Timothy 2:24)
- Be content (Hebrews 13:5)
- Be obedient (John 14:21)
- Have purity of speech (James 3)

Experience relational growth

- Love deeply (1 Peter 4:8)
- Build others up (Ephesians 4:28)
- Be bound together in unity (Colossians 3:14)
- Be of one mind (Romans 12:16)
- Be forbearing and forgiving (Colossians 3:12-14)
- Interact with humility (1 Peter 5:5)
- Speak truthfully and lovingly (Ephesians 4:28)
- Have a submissive spirit (Ephesians 6)
- Be merciful (Micah 6:8)
- Be patient (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
- Be committed to marriage vows (1 Corinthians 7)
- Look to the interests of others (Philippians 2:4)
- Serve others selflessly (Luke 9:46)
- Carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Have a heart of compassion and love (1 John 4:7-17)
- Honour God's boundaries for sex (Hebrews 13:4)

Have more discipline/commitment

- Reading/ studying the Word (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Meditating on the Word (Psalm 63:6)
- Memorizing the Word (Psalm 119:11)
- Delighting in the Word (Psalm 1:2)
- prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Fasting (Matthew 6:16, 2 Corinthians 11:27)
- Confession and repentance (James 5:16)
- Worship (John 4:23)
- Fellowship (Hebrews 10:25)
- Giving (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

Equipping and Effectiveness

God wants to display His glory through us. Pray that we stand victorious against the enemy and fulfill all that God has called us to do in His name.

- Be prepared to be a warrior of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)
- Stand firm
- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Feet fitted with readiness
- Shield of faith
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Praying in the Spirit
- Alert and prepared
- Shine light (Matthew 5:16)
- Be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)
- Spread the fragrance of knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 2:14)
- Be competent, bold ministers of the gospel (2 Corinthians 3:4-12)
- Set forth the truth plainly and accurately (2 Corinthians 4:2)
- Be a minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
- Fearlessly make known mystery of gospel (Ephesians 6:19)
- Do good works (Ephesians 2:10)
- Not become weary in doing good (2 Thessalonians 3:13)
- Receive and exercise his or her spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
- Eagerly desire to serve others through gifts (1 Corinthians 12:31)
- Develop & excel in gifts (1 Corinthians 14:12)
- Do the works of Christ (John 14:12-14)
- Make the most of every opportunity (Colossians 4-5)
- Be steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in God's work (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Be ready to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15)
- Be vigilant (1 Peter 5:8)
- Be unafraid of man (Luke 12:4)
- Proclaim the gospel clearly (Colossians 2:4)

Additional Leader Resources

- "Prayer: Small Groups" Leader Training Workshop
- *Who I Am in Christ* by Neil T Anderson

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