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## PRAYING FOR YOUR WORKPLACE

God is concerned about every area of your life. He is interested and involved in every aspect of your life. No area of your life is beyond His attention or His work. This includes your workplace. God longs to bless the place where you work. He longs to act in the lives of those with whom you work. Through prayer, you can release God's power and blessings into your workplace and into the lives of those with whom you work.

Sometimes believers draw a distinction between church and work. They see their lives divided between church on Sunday and the rest of their week and lives. They do not see a connection between the two. This is also referred to as "the sacred and the secular". However, God does not draw this distinction. For the child of God, everything is done before God. Everything should be done for God's glory, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

God desires to use you in your workplace. He longs to make an eternal difference in your workplace through your life and your praying. This issue of *The Prayer Closet* will deal with praying for your workplace. You will be provided with insights on how to pray for your business and those with whom you work. It is my hope and prayer that God will use your life and your praying to bring stability, blessing, and transformation to your workplace.

The purpose of this issue is also aimed at the church. It is the responsibility of the church to pray for the businesses that surround it. God is concerned about the workplaces in the city, the town, or the area where your church is located. The church is to be a place of intercession for all, "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:1). This includes the businesses around the church and the employers and employees in those businesses. The church must stand in the gap for this crucial issue.

My hope and prayer is that this newsletter will encourage believers and churches to develop intentional ministries or specific times of prayer for the businesses of its surrounding area. This is an area that is worthy of the church's attention and intercession.

### Why Should I Pray For The Workplace?

There are numerous reasons for praying for your workplace and the businesses around you. *The first reason is because of the church's responsibility to pray for all types of issues and people* (1 Timothy 2:1). The church is to be a house of prayer. It is to be a place where intercession is made for all the aspects of society. This Includes

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the businesses that surround the church. The church is to pray and cover the workplaces in its area.

*The second reason is that prayer releases God's blessing into the workplace.* Prayer is the channel through which He grants His blessings, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). As you pray, it will release God's blessings into a workplace. God can establish, sustain, and guide a business as believers seek God. Prayer is not a substitute for wise business decisions and hard work. But prayer does provide the foundation, the insight, and the power for wise business decisions and hard work.

*Prayer also manifests God's presence and power in a workplace.* Jesus says, "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" (Matthew 18:20). God is present everywhere (1 Kings 8:27). Yet, when believers pray for a workplace, it is an invitation for God to manifest His presence in that place. It is a cry for Him to release His power in that particular place. Through prayer, believers are confessing their need of God and His power to work and bring change in the workplace. As you pray in agreement, God manifests His presence and power by blessing the workplace and changing the lives of those who work there.

*Prayer encourages and sustains the believers in the workplace.* There are numerous believers who work in the businesses around the church. In a church, you will most likely have large numbers of believers who are employed in the businesses of the area. By praying, you are asking God to help these believers. You are calling on Him to strengthen and sustain these believers in their work. This is especially crucial for those believers who work in a hostile atmosphere. Some believers work in places where unbelievers surround them. In these places, their faith is under attack and held in suspicion. When we seek God for the workplaces, God will strengthen and encourage these believers.

*Praying for workplaces is a way to plead for financial blessing on the church.* The economy of an area does affect the church. When businesses flourish, there is more money in the economy. This provides more money to be given and used for the work of the kingdom. Praying for workplaces is a simple way of pleading for financial blessing on your church.

*Praying for workplaces is another way that the church can be salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16).* God desires that the church have influence on society. He longs for His people to be agents of change and hope in this sinful society. By praying for workplaces, the church extends and exercises an influence for Christ in these places.

## Scripture Prayers For The Workplace

The following prayer guide is offered to help you pray for your workplace. It is also provided to help believers and churches plead for the businesses around them. You can use these or develop your own from them. The key issue is to pray the truth of the Word in behalf of these workplaces. In order to use these prayers, place the name of the business in the blank and plead the truth of the Word for that business.

Father, I ask for You to release Your blessing on \_\_\_\_\_. I seek You to provide abundantly for \_\_\_\_\_. O God, increase and sustain \_\_\_\_\_ by Your blessing and power (Matthew 7:7-11).

Father, I plead that You would identify and unify the believers at \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that they would encourage and bless each other. Empower them to pray for one another and to be salt and light at \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:21).

Father, I pray that the unbelievers at \_\_\_\_\_ will come to Christ in true faith and repentance. Draw them to Jesus through Your Word and Your Spirit (John 3:16, 6:44).

Father, I ask You to protect the workers at \_\_\_\_\_. Send Your angels to guard each of them. By Your power and grace, keep the workers safe and sustain them (Psalm 91:11-12).

Father, I plead with You to grant wisdom for all the decisions that are made at \_\_\_\_\_. Provide the insight that is needed to make sound decisions (Proverbs 1:7).

Father, I ask You to strengthen the workers at \_\_\_\_\_. Sustain them and shield them from work-related stress. Deliver them from fear,

frustration, and anxiety concerning their job and the business (**John 14:1; Colossians 3:15**).

Father, I pray that work at \_\_\_\_\_ would be a joy to all involved. I ask that the focus at \_\_\_\_\_ would be on service and not self. Cause the leaders and workers at \_\_\_\_\_ to focus on contentment and not personal gain (**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; Philippians 4:12-13**).

Father, I pray that You would grant healthy relationships among the leaders and workers at \_\_\_\_\_. Remove any obstacles to healthy relationships in the workplace (**Colossians 3:22-4:1**).

Father, I plead that the workers at \_\_\_\_\_ will work with all their might. Enable them to work with all their heart. I pray that the workers at \_\_\_\_\_ would work with sincerity at all times (**Colossians 3:22**).

Father, I pray that the leaders, supervisors, or bosses at \_\_\_\_\_ will treat the workers with fairness and compassion. I ask that they will be kind to their employees, keeping their best interests in mind. ~~Deliver them from any favoritism, cruelty,~~ and disinterest in the workers (**Colossians 4:1**).

Father, I pray that You would bless the marriages and families of the leaders and workers at \_\_\_\_\_. Provide all that is needed for the health and stability of their marriages and families. Protect and guide their marriages and families (**Philippians 4:19**).

Father, I pray that You would raise up customers for \_\_\_\_\_. I ask You to increase their business. Make them effective in their business. Bless the customers who do business with \_\_\_\_\_. Grant \_\_\_\_\_ economic success (**Jeremiah 32:17**).

Father, I plead that You would protect \_\_\_\_\_ from the evil one. Guard \_\_\_\_\_ so that he does not use it as place to corrupt believers, bind unbelievers, and have a negative impact on the city or community (**1 Peter 5:8**).

Father, grant the leaders and workers at \_\_\_\_\_ the wisdom and insight that they

need to deal with problems and emergencies (**Proverbs 2:6**).

Father, I plead that the leaders and workers at \_\_\_\_\_ will seek You. I pray that they will commit their way to You and that You will grant them success. Enable them to build a business based on integrity and fairness (**Proverbs 16:3**).

Father, increase the business of \_\_\_\_\_ that it can provide more job opportunities for the people of this area. You made man to work. Bless \_\_\_\_\_ that it might offer gainful employment to the people in this area (**Genesis 2:8**).

Father, bless the business of \_\_\_\_\_ that there might be more money for the church to carry out Your work. I plead that more money would be put into the economy that believers might be able to give more and advance Your church and kingdom (**2 Corinthians 9:7-8**).

Father, I ask that Jesus Christ would be the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that He will be acknowledged and followed at \_\_\_\_\_ (**Romans 14:9**).

Father, I pray that the leaders at \_\_\_\_\_ will build the business on wisdom and integrity. Deliver them from greed and dishonesty. I plead that their actions and decisions would be pleasing in Your sight (**Psalms 15:2-5**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will use their influence and money to help meet the needs of people in this area. I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will be involved in charitable work, helping those in need. Create within the leadership at \_\_\_\_\_ a heart to make a difference in the community (**Leviticus 19:10**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would be fair and kind to all its employees. I pray that they would not defraud or rob the workers out of their wages or benefits (**Leviticus 19:13**).

Father, I plead that healthy relationships and purity will characterize the workplace at \_\_\_\_\_. I ask that You would deliver each person from impure thoughts and speech and immoral relationships (**1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**).

Father, I pray that the workplace at \_\_\_\_\_ would be filled with compassion and genuine concern. I ask that greed, deceit, lying, slander, and attempts to hurt and undermine others and the business would be totally removed (**Matthew 22:40**).

Father, strengthen the believers at \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that they would not yield to temptation or be conformed to this world through the pressure of others at \_\_\_\_\_ (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).

Father, I ask You to bless the customers of \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that they will be pleased with the work of \_\_\_\_\_. Use this to draw more business to \_\_\_\_\_ and enhance the financial condition of \_\_\_\_\_ (**1 Corinthians 10:31**).

### Praying For A Hostile Workplace

Some believers work in a hostile atmosphere. When I use the phrase "hostile atmosphere," I mean a workplace where the believer's faith is under attack. It might be suspicion and persecution because of the believer's faith. It might be that the believer is consistently tempted to compromise his or her faith. It might be a situation where the believer is under pressure to conform to the thinking and acting of the world. Whatever the case, it is a place where the believer is under fire for his or her faith in Christ.

**Psalm 17** provides the believer with a model to pray for a hostile workplace. In this psalm, enemies surround David. These enemies desire to wound him and hurt him. The pressure and stress of the situation weigh him down. His prayer gives us insight on how to pray for a hostile workplace.

This model can be used in a variety of ways. You may be working in a hostile workplace. You may know someone who is working in an environment like this. There may be believers in your church who are under constant stress and pressure in their job. These insights can help you pray the Word concerning this situation.

□ *Commit your cause into God's hands (v.1).* David cried out to God concerning the situation that he found himself in. He sought God for help and deliverance. If you are in a hostile workplace, cry out to God. Seek Him for His help and vindication. **Pray that believers will**

**turn to God in the midst of their stress and pressure at the workplace.**

- *Pray that the believer will live a righteous life before the others in the workplace (vv.1-3).* In these verses, David declares that he lived in obedience to God in the midst of this situation. He resolved that he would not sin with his mouth (**17:3**). Ask God for the strength to live in obedience to Him in the workplace. **Plead that God will give believers the strength to resist temptation and work in a way that pleases the Lord.**
- *Ask that you will not compromise with the evil around you (vv.4-5).* David confesses to the Lord that he kept himself from the ways of the violent (**17:4**). Plead that you will not give in to the evil around you. Ask for the power to stand strong against evil in the workplace. **Pray that believers would not compromise and give into to the pressure to conform. Ask that their steps will hold to your paths.**
- *Praise God for His loving care and protection (vv.6-7).* David announces that God is the One who saves by His right hand. He is the God who helps those who take refuge in Him. In the midst of the pressure and stress, adore God for His loving care and protection. **Pray that believers will have a spirit of praise in spite of what they face in the workplace.**
- *Declare your confidence in the Lord (vv.6-7).* David expresses his confidence in the Lord in these verses. The believer needs to share his fears and doubts with the Lord. Yet, at the same time, he must also declare his confidence in the Lord. This honors and magnifies the Lord's greatness. Declaring your confidence in the Lord will strengthen your faith and protect you from slipping into discouragement and despair. **Pray that believers in a hostile workplace will put their confidence in Him and will declare that confidence to Him.**
- *Pray that God will sustain you because of His love (v.7).* Call on God to sustain you because of His great love for you. Plead His love for you. **Ask that believers will rest in God's love. Call on God to act in their behalf because of His love for them.**
- *Plead with God for His protection (vv.8-9).* Pray that He will protect you as the apple of His eye. Ask that He will sustain you and encourage you as you take refuge in Him. **Pray that believers will seek God for protection.**