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The Church Of Jesus Christ

There is dissatisfaction with the church on every hand. The church has not fared well in the 21st century. At a recent conference, I heard one speaker say, "People love Jesus but they don't care much for the church."

To many people Christianity does not require the church. Some even consider the church to be a hindrance to a vibrant personal relationship to Christ. Many have concluded that if you want to get serious about evangelism, missions, or discipleship, you have to go around the church instead of through it.

Yet, according to the Bible, the church is the preeminent institution in this entire world. The church is God's gift to His children for their provision, protection, and growth. The church is the vessel for the display of God's glory not only to the world but also in the heavenly realm. The church is the body of Christ – the instrument for declaring Him and continuing His work in the world by the Spirit and the Word.

We need to remember that the most significant thing happening in history is the calling, redeeming, and perfecting of the people of God. God is building the church of Jesus Christ! The rest of history is simply a stage that God sets for that purpose. He is calling sinners out of sin to trust in Jesus Christ and enter His church. He is equipping them for ministry. He is changing them to reflect His holiness.

Because of these things, the Word of God does not give us the option of accepting or rejecting the church of Jesus Christ. **To love Jesus is to love His church.** To follow Christ means being a part of His church. God calls us to Christ **and** His church.

This issue of *The Prayer Closet* will focus on praying for the church. We will look at what the church is and why believers need to be a part of it. We will also examine what it means to be a part of Christ's church. Once we have laid this foundation, we will offer suggestions on how to pray for your church.

What Is The Church?

The word church means "called out ones." According to the New Testament, the church is a body of believers called out of sin to Christ by the Word and Spirit. It is a body of people who profess and give evidence that they have been saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ.

The New Testament reveals that the church has a universal and a local aspect. The word "church" may be applied to a group of believers at any level, ranging from a very small group meeting in a private home all the way to the group of all true believers in the universal church. The New Testament speaks of a house

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church (**Romans 16:5**) and of the universal church (**Ephesians 5:25**).

The word “church” does not primarily refer to a building. It does in a secondary sense. Yet, this word refers to the gathering of believers into a community of faith. The building is simply where the church meets. That is why the New England Puritans named the church building “the meeting house.” The early Christians didn’t have buildings for almost 300 years after the church began.

While the New Testament teaches the church universal, the primary emphasis is on the local body of believers. The overwhelming majority of references to the church refer to a local, living, and loving collection of people committed to Jesus Christ and to each other. It is a collection of people who trust in Jesus Christ and are committed to Him in a local area. If you confess Christ as your Savior and Lord, you need to be a part of a local church.

Why Join A Church?

God never intended the Christian life to be lived alone. That is why He provides the church for believers. The church is for everyone who is a Christian. Why should a believer join a church? I’d like to suggest some basic reasons. You can probably think of many more, but I want to emphasize some fundamental reasons.

- (1) **Joining a church is a reflection of your salvation.** Let me say clearly and plainly – joining a church does not lead to true salvation. Being a member of a church does not save. Yet, it must be stated that though church membership does not save us, it is a reflection of our salvation. It reveals that we have come to know Christ and are seeking to follow Him (**John 14:10, 15:21**). Membership in a local church is not outdated, antiquated, and unnecessary. It is a testimony that we have come to Christ in faith and are seeking to follow Him. It is an outward manifestation of our love for Christ and desire to honor Him.
- (2) **Joining a church provides with you a family to support and encourage you.** Being a part of a church means developing relationships with your brothers and sisters in

Christ. These brothers and sisters will help you in your walk with Christ. We need to give up trying to live our Christian lives on our own. We need each other. We need to be a part of a church where we can bless and encourage and at the same time receive blessing and encouragement from other believers (**Hebrews 10:24-25**).

- (3) **Joining a church will help you evangelize the world.** Christ calls on believers to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth (**Matthew 28:19-20**). How can a believer do this? How can one, single, lone believer accomplish this? By joining with other believers! By joining a body of believers, we come together to take the gospel to our area and to the ends of the earth through witness, prayer, and giving. Together we can better spread the gospel both at home and abroad.
- (4) **Joining a church is a way to glorify God.** Jesus Christ calls us to live our lives in a way that will bring glory to God (**Matthew 5:16**). Joining a church is one of the ways that we do this. By committing ourselves to the church, we manifest His grace, love, and mercy. We show how great He is and how much He is to be worshipped. It is a witness to God’s greatness.
- (5) **Joining a church is following Christ’s example.** Jesus Christ said, “I will build my church” (**Matthew 16:18**). Jesus Christ loved and gave Himself for the church (**Ephesians 5:25**). He is in the process of sanctifying His church (**Ephesians 5:26-27**). He is head over all things to the church (**Ephesians 1:22**). If Christ is this committed to His church, should we be any less committed to it? By committing ourselves to a church, we honor Christ.

What Does It Mean To Join A Church?

When you join a church, it means that you commit yourself to certain responsibilities. Christ calls us to be “active” members of His church. What are our responsibilities as members of a church?

- ✓ *Regular attendance to the worship services.* The Word tells believers not to “forsake the assembling of ourselves together” (**Hebrews**

10:25). We must be faithful to join with other believers to worship and to hear God's Word preached and taught.

✓ *Actively serve in the body.*

God has given every believer a spiritual gift or gifts. He desires that these gifts be used to bless and strengthen the church (**1 Corinthians 12**). Every believer has a place of service in the church.

✓ *Give regularly (Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38).*

We are to give primarily to honor the Lord and show our gratitude to Him. Yet, we are to give also to support the ministry and work of our local church. By giving, we enable the church to carry out the great commission and the will of God for the church.

✓ *Minister to other believers (Matthew 20:28).*

As a member of a church, we are to seek to bless and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ. We need to seek out practical ways to build up our fellow believers.

✓ *Pray faithfully (Ephesians 1:15-16).*

When we become members of the church, it is our privilege and responsibility to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are accountable to God for interceding for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Joining a church means committing yourself to pray for the other believers. It is the greatest way to bless and encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ and to help the church grow.

Scripture Prayers For Your Church

God's call to join the church is a call to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ. The following is a Scripture prayer guide to assist you in praying for your church.

I pray that the believers of _____ Church would be salt and light in the midst of this lost world. Grant them a righteous influence in the world (**Matthew 5:13-15**).

I ask that the believers of _____ Church would walk in wisdom toward those who are outside the body of Christ. I also pray that their speech would be full of grace, godliness, and wisdom so that they may know how they ought to answer and respond to the lost (**Colossians 4:5-6**).

Father, I plead that You will create an atmosphere in _____ that will bring sinners to Jesus and that will grow and mature believers (**Acts 2:42-47**).

O God, revive the believers of _____ Church so that we may rejoice in You (**Psalms 85:6**).

Restore, O God, the believers of _____ Church; make Your face to shine on us that we may be delivered from our backsliding (**Psalms 80:7**).

Rise up and help the believers of _____ Church; restore us to Yourself because of Your redeeming love (**Psalms 44:8**).

Father, grant a spirit of brokenness and repentance to the believers of _____ Church (**Isaiah 57:15**).

Father, I plead that the believers of _____ Church will be diligent to confess their sins so that You will be faithful and just to forgive their sins and to cleanse them of their unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

God, I ask that the believers of _____ Church would not let sin reign in their mortal body (**Romans 6:12**).

Father, I pray that the believers of _____ Church would consider themselves dead to sin but alive to God in Jesus Christ (**Romans 6:11**).

I plead that the believers of _____ Church would present their body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, O God. This is their spiritual service of worship (**Romans 12:1**).

I ask that the believers of _____ Church would not be conformed to this world, but that they would be transformed by the renewing of their mind so that they may prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God (**Romans 12:2**).

Merciful God, I pray that the believers of _____ Church would discern

their spiritual gifts and would use these spiritual gifts that You have given them through the power and working of the Holy Spirit. Enable the believers to use their spiritual gifts for the strengthening of the church (**1 Corinthians 12:7, 11**).

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so cause the believers of _____ Church to thirst and long for you, the living God (**Psalms 42:1**).

I pray that the Holy Spirit would grant wisdom and insight to the believers of _____ Church so that they would have a deeper, more intimate knowledge of God (**Ephesians 1:17**).

Father, I plead that the believers of _____ Church will desire you above all things on earth. Though their heart and flesh may fail, I ask that You will be the strength of their heart and their portion forever (**Psalms 73:25-26**).

Father, I plead that the believers of _____ Church will be strong in the power of the Lord and in His might. I ask that they would put on the whole armor of God on a daily basis so that they can stand against the schemes of the devil (**Ephesians 6:10-11**).
 Father, I pray that the believers of _____ Church will realize that they are in a spiritual war with a deadly enemy. Cause them to know that they do not wrestle with flesh and blood, but with principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age, and the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (**Ephesians 6:12**).

Father, enable the believers of _____ Church to realize that we are members one of another and are totally dependent on each other (**Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:14-26**);

Father, cause the believers of _____ Church to be lovingly devoted to one another just as a close knit family is (**Romans 12:10**);

God, I plead that the believers of _____ Church would honor each other above themselves (**Romans 12:10**);

I plead that the believers _____ Church will praise You with uprightness of heart when they learn about You from Your Word (**Psalms 119:7**).

I pray that the believers of _____ Church will worship You, the living and the true God in spirit and in truth (**John 4:24**).

O Lord my God, I ask that the believers of _____ Church will praise You with all their heart and that they will glorify Your name forevermore (**Psalms 86:12**).

Praying The One Another Statements Of Scripture

Throughout the New Testament, we see the phrase "one another" used. These statements declare the will of God for believers concerning their unity and how they are to relate to one another. These statements show what God desires among believers and what He wants to produce in believers. Because of this, you can plead these requests with confidence. Since these requests are in line with God's will, plead with God to make these a reality among the believers that make up the church in which you are a member. Trust that God will hear and answer since these requests are in line with His will.

Father, enable the believers of _____ Church to realize that we are members one of another and are totally dependent on each other (**Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:14-26**);

Father, cause the believers of _____ Church to be lovingly devoted to one another just as a close knit family is (**Romans 12:10**);

God, I plead that the believers of _____ Church would honor each other above themselves (**Romans 12:10**);

Father, I ask You to make the believers of _____ Church to be like-minded in Christ Jesus our Lord (**Romans 15:5**);

Lord, I ask that the believers of _____ Church would accept one another in love. Deliver the believers of _____ Church from making hypocritical judgments about each other and/or showing partiality among members (**Romans 15:7**);

Father, I plead that You will fill the believers of _____ Church with the truth of Your Word, love, and humility so that we can admonish one another (**Romans 15:14**);

God enable the believers of _____ Church to greet one another with concern and love and not with superficial, vain talk that means nothing (**Romans 16:3-6, 16**);

Lord, I plead that the believers of _____ Church would bear one another's burdens in humility and love (**Galatians 6:2**);

Father, I plead that the believers of _____ Church will serve one another with a sacrificial, selfless love (**Galatians 5:13**);

God, enable the believers of _____ Church to bear with one another in patience. Deliver the believers of _____ Church from an easily offended spirit (**Ephesians 4:2**);

Lord, cause the believers of _____ Church to submit to one another in love (**Ephesians 5:21**);

God, I plead that You would cause the believers of _____ Church to encourage one another and build up one another with the Word of God (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**);

Father, I plead that You would guard the believers of _____ Church from being conceited toward one another. Keep the believers of _____ Church from provoking one another and envying one another (**Galatians 5:26**);

Lord God, cause the believers of _____ Church to always be kind and tenderhearted toward one another (**Ephesians 4:32**);

Father, enable the believers of _____ Church to always be forgiving toward each other as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us (**Ephesians 4:32**);

God, cause the believers of _____ Church to speak the truth in love and not to lie to one another (**Colossians 3:9**);

Father, I pray that the believers of _____ Church would abound and overflow with love toward one another (**1 Thessalonians 3:12**);

Lord, enable the believers of _____ Church to have mutual concern and love without preferring one before another (**1 Timothy 5:21**);

Father, I ask that the believers of _____ Church would exhort one another to faithfulness and good works (**Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25**);

God, cause the believers of _____ Church to not speak evil of each other (**James 4:11**);

Father, I plead that the believers of _____ Church would not hold grudges toward one another (**James 5:9**);

Father, cause the believers of _____ Church to have a burden to pray for one another (**James 5:16**);

Lord, enable the believers of _____ Church to have genuine compassion for one another (**1 Peter 3:8**);

God, I plead that the believers of _____ Church would exercise hospitality toward one another (**1 Peter 4:9**).

Praying For The Spiritual Growth Of Your Church

The following prayer guide will help you pray for the spiritual growth of your church.

These Scripture prayers focus on your church and the Word of God.

Father, I plead that the believers of _____ Church would desire the Word as a newborn baby desires milk. Remove anything from their lives that would hinder this. I pray that the believers of _____ Church would grow to spiritual maturity (**1 Peter 2:1-2**).

I pray that the believers of _____ Church would be convicted and convinced that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God. I plead that they would understand the doctrines of the Bible. I also ask that they would be convicted of their sin through the Word of God, then shown how to deal with it and instructed in how to live lives that please You. Do this so that the believers of _____ Church would be complete and mature, thoroughly equipped for every good work (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

Holy Spirit, I plead that You will grant the believers of _____ Church a deeper understanding of Your Word (**John 16:14**).

I pray that the believers of _____ Church would hide Your Word in their heart so that they would not sin against You. I plead that You would grant them a desire to memorize the Word. Enable the believers of _____ Church to do this by the power of the Holy Spirit (**Psalm 119:11**).

I ask that the believers of _____ Church will meditate on Your Word and that they would contemplate Your ways in the Word (**Psalm 119:15**).

Open the believers' eyes so that they may see the wondrous truths of Your Word (**Psalm 119:18**).

Give the believers of _____ Church understanding in Your Word so that they would obey Your Word. Enable them to observe Your commands with their whole heart (**Psalm 119:34**).

O God, Your hands have made and fashioned the believers of _____ Church. I ask that

You will give them understanding so that they can learn Your commandments (**Psalm 119:73**).

I pray that the believers of _____ Church will love Your Word with all their heart. I ask that the Word will be their meditation all the day (**Psalm 119:97**).

I ask that Your Word would be a lamp to the believers' feet and a light to the believers' path. Cause them to make the Word of God the final guide for what they believe and how they live their lives (**Psalm 119:105**).

I pray that the believers of _____ Church would long for Your Word (**Psalm 119:131**).

I ask that You would direct the believers' steps according to Your Word and let no sin have dominion over them (**Psalm 119:133**).

I plead that the believers of _____ Church would hate and abhor lying but I ask that they would love Your Word (**Psalm 119:163**).

I ask that the believers of _____ Church would search the Scriptures (**John 5:39**).

I pray that the believers of _____ Church would be directed to keep Your Word (**Psalm 119:5**).

When There's Trouble In The Church

Every church is going to have times of trouble. Because of the devil and the flesh, churches will have to face times of trouble and struggle. The following prayer guide offers suggestions on how to pray during these times.

Father, I pray that Satan's schemes in this situation will be thwarted and completely defeated (**1 Peter 5:8**).

Father, I plead that You would bind Satan and his forces and prevent them from gaining anymore ground in this situation (**Mark 1:25-26**).

Father, I ask that You would clear up the confusion that is involved in this situation; I pray

that You would end the disorder and grant peace (**1 Corinthians 14:33**).

Father, I plead that You would convict and burden those who are causing difficulty; show them the evil and the disorder that they are causing through their words and actions (**John 16:7-8**).

Father, I pray that You would tear down the self-righteousness and hardness of heart in those who are causing problems. Deliver them from being wise in their own eyes (**Proverbs 26:12**).

Father, I ask You to grant brokenness and repentance to those who are causing problems in the body (**James 4:6**).

Father, I ask that You would provide the spiritual leaders of this body the wisdom and the courage to do what is necessary to deal with this problem; give them the knowledge and understanding to confront the problem (**Proverbs 2:6-7**).

Father, I pray that the members of this body will forsake gossiping and taking sides. I plead that they will pray fervently concerning this matter (**Colossians 4:2**).

Father, I ask that the members of this church will not jump to conclusions but will be wise and discerning about the problem (**Proverbs 18:13**).

Father, I plead in Jesus' name that the members of this church will seek to be peacemakers in all things – especially in this problem (**Matthew 5:9**).

Father, I ask that every member of this church will seek God's glory in all things. I plead that each member will be delivered from the desire for self-exaltation and importance (**1 Corinthians 10:31**).

I pray that this church will seek to be likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose (**Philippians 2:2**).

I plead that the members of this body will do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit,

but humility consider others better than us (**Philippians 2:3**).

I ask that the members of this body would not look to our own interests, but also to the interests of others (**Philippians 2:4**).

Father, I ask that this church will have the mind of Christ – willing to humble themselves and serve others (**Philippians 2:5-11**).

Father, I plead that the members of this body will speak the truth to one another in love. Help us to lovingly but firmly confront this problem (**Ephesians 4:15**).

Father, I ask that each member of this body will put off falsehood and speak truthfully to each other for we are members of one body, the body of Christ (**Ephesians 4:25**).

Father, I pray that You would enable this church to get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, and slander, along with every form of malice. I ask You to cultivate in this church kindness, compassion, and a spirit of forgiveness – the same kind of forgiveness that You gave us through Jesus (**Ephesians 4:31-32**).

Father, I plead that You would humble those who are at odds with one another. I pray that You would break their hardness and opposition. Bring them back into a right relationship with You and with each other (**Philippians 4:2**).

Father, it is good and pleasant when brothers and sisters in Christ live in unity with each other. I ask You to move powerfully in this body to create the unity that pleases You and that will enable this church to reach the lost for Christ (**Psalms 133:1**).

Father, I ask that every member of this body will seek to be completely humble and gentle. Empower us to be patient, bearing with one another in love. I plead that we would make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (**Ephesians 4:2-3**).

Father, I pray that You would stir this body to confess sin and make things right with one another. I ask that we would be willing to do

whatever we must in order to be reconciled with our brothers and sisters in Christ (**Matthew 5:23-26**).

A Correction

In the July/August edition of The Prayer Closet, there is typographical error. On page 2, it says, "God responded by casting Satan and his demons out of hell." This should have said, "God responded by casting Satan and his demons out of heaven."

The Prayer Closet By Email

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BASIC PRAYERWALKING

There are a variety of ways to conduct a prayerwalk. In this edition, I want to give you a basic outline of how to prepare, carry out, and finish a prayerwalk. The following is simply an offering of suggestions to help you get started. This is an explanation of the basics. These fundamentals will help you begin and sustain healthy and powerful prayerwalks. You may have to make adjustments in light of your situation. Yet, these basics are needed to begin. A prayerwalk needs to be conducted in three phases.

Phase One: The Preparation For A Prayerwalk

Before you prayerwalk, you need to make preparation. This is not something you do on a whim. If it is going to be powerful and effective, you must begin by preparing yourself. You need to take certain steps to get yourself ready to be an instrument that God can use.

Your first step in preparation is to commit yourself totally to God. Before you prayerwalk, you need to have a time of worship and surrender before the Lord. You are about to become a bridge of blessing between heaven and earth. Adore Him for His character and ways. Give thanks to God with a grateful heart. Confess your sins with honesty and brokenness. Read the Scripture. As you worship before the Lord, be still before Him for a short while with a readiness to sense special instructions regarding where you should walk

or what you should pray. You need to have a definite plan about the place you should pray and the prayer requests that you are going to make. Yet, be open to change at the guidance of the Lord. Go with the plans that you have formed unless you clearly sense otherwise.

The team also needs to pray on each piece of the armor of God (**Ephesians 6:10-18**). God has granted this armor to the believer for help and protection in the midst of the spiritual war. Any time a believer prays, a spiritual war is going on. This is true also for prayerwalking. You are laboring to take back territory and people that the enemy has enslaved. He will not accept this passively. The team must put on the armor of God by faith and prayer.

Another part of your preparation should be the development of a prayer team or prayer teams. People can prayerwalk by themselves. God can and does use this. Yet, it is best if there is a team. Why should you have a team of prayerwalkers?

- (1) A team can provide encouragement, feedback, and support;
- (2) A team offers the opportunity to pray in agreement with other believers;
- (3) A team will help you pray specifically and powerfully. As you hear the prayers and insights of others, it can give you guidance. It can help you know how to pray and provide you with insight.

The teams should consist of three members. You can allow partners to find each other spontaneously. You might also consider mixing and matching teams based on maturity, experience, and physical capabilities.

Before you prayerwalk, you need to designate where the teams will prayerwalk.

Locate the area that the prayerwalkers will work. Sometimes this can be a roughly designated area. You can also give a specific area or route. It is important to have a definite area or route that you will prayerwalk. However, you must also be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leadership. Routes and areas should not be too tightly designated in order for the prayerwalkers to have the freedom to do as the Spirit leads. God may have a divinely appointed prayer appointment for them! Labor to strike a balance between structure and spontaneity.

Another part of your preparation is to determine how long the prayerwalk will be.

You need to agree with the teams on the time that you will regather. It is difficult to gauge how long it will take to cover the territory assigned plus God's providential appointments. For this reason, you should allow reasonable flexibility in the schedule.

Phase Two: The Practice of Prayerwalking

When you prayerwalk, your prayers need to be balanced between three topics: *worship, warfare, and the preparation of the way for God's blessings*. Every prayerwalk should have the worship of God included. As you walk, praise God who made all the things that you see. Adore God who has created the people that you are praying for on the prayerwalk. Give God the glory for what He is going to do in that area. The purpose of this worship is to glorify God and to seek God's manifest presence. God inhabits or dwells in the praises of His people. His power flows when His people praise Him. God is always present. Yet, in worship, we are seeking God's presence to be made real and vital in peoples' lives. Praise is crucial to this. **When the praise goes up, the power comes down!**

You also need to do *warfare* on the prayerwalk. The purpose of this is to deal with evil spirits that are working in the area in which you are prayerwalking. It is to begin the process of tearing down strongholds and weakening the grip of Satan in the lives of the people by prayer. Satan and his demons work to blind and keep unbelievers in bondage (**2 Corinthians 3:3-4**). Satan and his demons work to hinder and lead believers into bondage (**2 Corinthians 10:4-5**). There must be a resistance and binding of these forces. Call on the Lord Jesus Christ to bind, confuse, and send these evil forces away. Ask Him to tear down any strongholds that Satan has built in the lives of people. Plead that the forces of hell will be broken and destroyed by the power of Christ's blood, Christ's cross, Christ's name, and Christ's Word. This is done in preparation for receiving the Word of God and bringing about true repentance and faith in the lives of those for whom you are praying.

There must also be *the preparation of the way for God's blessings and salvation*. The purpose of this part of your praying is to ask for God's blessings on the people who live where you are prayerwalking. It is seeking God so that He will pour out His abundant blessings on the people for whom you are praying. Plead that the people will be receptive to the gospel. Cry out to God and ask Him to remove any obstacles that might hinder people from hearing the gospel. The purpose of prayerwalking is to prepare the way for God's blessings through prayer. It is using the channel of prayer to release God's mercy, love, grace, and peace into a city or community. It is pleading for a genuine and open welcome to the reign of God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you walk, keep these suggestions in mind:

- ◆ **Open your eyes.** Pay close attention to your surroundings and the people. Walk and to God about all you see.
- ◆ **Open your ears.** There are times when you are prayerwalking that you need to be silent. Let God speak to you as you walk. Listen for God's cues to guide you in how to pray.

- ◆ **Open your mouth.** God does not need you to verbalize your prayers in order to hear them. Yet, it will bolster your faith. You do not have to pray in a bold, outspoken way. Speak in a quiet, unobtrusive way. Fill your prayers with adoration and thanksgiving to God.
- ◆ **Pray with the Scripture.** Carry a small Bible with you and pray particular Scriptures. You might consider carrying 3x5 cards with verses that you can pray. You can be confident that you are praying in God's will and it will aid you in following the Spirit's leadership in prayer.
- ◆ **Pray according to what you see.** Let what you see preoccupy your praying. Let what you see motivate and guide your praying. Don't get caught up in using the trite sayings and catch phrases that believers often use in prayer. Pray with sensitivity to what is going on around you and the people that you are encountering.
- ◆ **Pray together.** Seek to pray in line with what your team members are praying. Reinforce what they are praying with your own praying. Use conversational prayer so that you can agree and multiply the points that you pray over.
- ◆ **Write down insights.** It is important to record any insights that God may grant you as you prayerwalk. He may grant you a fresh and vital prayer strategy. It might be a ministry, an outreach idea, or a need that can be met where you are prayerwalking. When you prayerwalk, you might consider carrying a small notebook or pad with you to record these insights.
- ◆ **Talk to each other.** It is okay to break out of the intense intercession that you are offering when you prayerwalk. You can use these times to worship and to discuss insights that you are receiving, what you are feeling, and where you will go next.

Phase Three:

The Evaluation of The Prayerwalk

When the prayerwalk is finished, it is beneficial to have meeting of the prayerwalkers. This is for discussing the

prayerwalk and how they felt about it. At this meeting, you need to discuss what insights were gleaned during the prayerwalk. Insights will fade over time unless you discuss them and record them. These insights should be compiled and given to each member of the team and other intercessors. This will serve as a further guide to prayer as one continues to intercede for the area in the personal prayer closet or in the church meeting.

This meeting should also include strategies for ministries in these areas. From the insights that were gained, what ministries could be started to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ? Again, the prayerwalk is not an end in itself. It is just the beginning--the beginning of intercession and prayer for the area that one prayerwalks. Along with this, team members should evaluate the prayerwalk. From this session, they may be able to offer suggestions to improve future prayerwalks. This should lead to a decision of where, when, and how to prayerwalk again.

Some basic guidelines for the reporting about the prayerwalk include:

- ◆ **Pray that God will bless and honor the praying of His people.**
- ◆ **Rejoice in what God is doing and will do through the prayerwalking.** Worship God for the amazing and miraculous blessings He will release through the prayerwalking. By faith, claim the work that God will do in the area, community, or city.
- ◆ **Report on answered prayers.** God will sometimes move in powerful ways in the midst of the prayerwalk. Allow these moves of God to be declared.
- ◆ **Encourage those who are heavy-hearted.** There are times when the prayerwalker will feel as if he or she did not accomplish anything. Encourage this person through the Scripture and the promises of God.
- ◆ **Record the insights that were granted.**
- ◆ **Evaluate the time of prayerwalking.** What did you learn? What will you do in future prayer walks? Where do we go next?

Prayerwalking And Spiritual Warfare

Satan is described in the Word of God as “a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour” (**1 Peter 5:8**). The devil is on the offensive, looking for opportunities to wreak havoc and destroy lives and churches. Prayerwalking is going on the offensive against Satan and his forces. The main purpose of prayerwalking is to extend God’s kingdom and pray for His blessing. Yet, when you pray for God’s kingdom to expand and His blessing to flow in lives, you automatically find yourself in a struggle with Satan. He will resist you. He does not want you to prayerwalk. He will do what He can to hinder your prayerwalking.

In this chapter, we need to deal with spiritual warfare as it relates to prayerwalking. There are some basic principles that you need to keep in mind as you face and encounter resistance from the evil one.

- *Confess every fear and concern that you have about prayerwalking to your Father.* The devil will attempt to keep you from prayerwalking by exaggerating your fears and making much out of your concerns. Confess any fears or concerns that you have about prayerwalking. Ask Him to help you deal with any fears and concerns that you have. Pray that you will stand strong in faith, resisting the attacks of the enemy.
- *Remember that you are more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ.* Many times during prayerwalks, I have felt extreme resistance from demonic forces. I felt great pressure to the point of being overwhelmed. Yet, I would read **Romans 8:31-39** and confess aloud that I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ who loved me and gave Himself for me. When you encounter resistance from the enemy, remember, rest in, and announce your position in Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior. You belong to Jesus. Through Him, you are a conqueror; the enemy has no power over you!
- *Prayerwalking is for the purpose of advancing God’s kingdom and extending*

God’s blessings. This is the primary purpose of prayerwalking. Spiritual warfare is secondary. It is something that may have to be done. However, you should never seek to prayerwalk solely for the purpose of spiritual warfare. Prayerwalking is opening the door for God’s kingdom and blessings. That is its first and primary purpose. You may have to pray against evil forces. You may have to ask for the binding of the evil one and his forces. But, first and foremost, exalt Jesus and pray for God’s kingdom and blessings on this area.

- *Seek the filling of the Holy Spirit.* Every believer should daily seek for the filling of the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**). Yet, it is especially crucial when you prayerwalk. You will need the Holy Spirit’s power and discernment for prayer and spiritual warfare. Cry out Him confessing your need of Him and His power. Deal with any and every known sin. By faith, receive His filling. Walk under the controlling power of the Spirit.

The 4 “C’s” Prayer Model

This prayer model will help you pray for an area where there are plans to plant a church. It can also be used in an area with high concentrations of lost people. This prayer model will enable you to pray for people to move from curiosity concerning the gospel to churches filled with those who have surrendered to Jesus Christ. You can use this basic outline to cover an area. As you pray, be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. He may give you particular points to plead as you work your way through this prayer model.

Curiosity (John 3:1-2)

In this text, Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. He was curious about Jesus and His ministry. He came to Christ looking for answers out of curiosity. Pray that people will develop a curiosity about who Jesus is and the good news about Him. Plead that this curiosity will lead them to seek answers.

Conviction (John 16:7-11)

Pray that the people will go from curiosity about Jesus and the gospel to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Plead that, as they seek answers concerning their curiosity, the Holy Spirit will convict them of their need of Jesus and the necessity of faith and repentance.

Conversion (Acts 16:31)

Plead that the people will respond to Jesus Christ in faith and repentance as the Holy Spirit convicts them. Pray that they will see their sinfulness and will turn from their sin and selfishness. Ask that they will surrender themselves to Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

Churches (Acts 2:41-42)

Pray that those who surrender their life to Jesus will follow Him by being baptized and becoming a member of a church. Plead that many will be converted in the area and that numerous churches will be established from all these converts. Pray the truth of Acts 2:42 for these churches:

- Ask that these churches would be devoted to the Word of God;
- Ask that these churches would be characterized by faithful and loving fellowship;
- Ask that these churches would honor Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
- Ask that these churches would be fervent and faithful in prayer.

Prayerwalking Bible Study

Knowing Your Leader Joshua 5:13-15

Prayerwalking Principle: Prayerwalking is done **for** Jesus and **through** Jesus.

In Joshua 5:13-15, Joshua discovers who is the true leader of the army of the Lord. As Joshua was surveying the defenses of Jericho, a man with a drawn sword encounters him.

What does Joshua ask this man? Read **Joshua 5:13**.

How does this man reply? Read **Joshua 5:14**.

This man is the Commander of the army of the Lord. It is the Lord Jesus Christ. He reveals to Joshua that He is the true leader of the armies of Israel. Joshua would have to follow His direction if he were going to fight and win the battles in Canaan. It would only be through Jesus that he could win. In addition, Joshua was to fight for Jesus, the Commander of the army of the Lord. The battles were to be fought for His glory and honor.

The same is true in prayerwalking. You must realize that prayerwalking is for Jesus. You are claiming your city, town, or area for Jesus. It is praying for Him to be received and surrendered to by the people. It is pleading that His kingdom would engulf your city, town, or area.

At the same time, it is only through Him that you can receive anything. He is the One who leads you to victory. You must be sensitive to His leadership and dependent on His power. He is the Commander who leads you in the streets as you prayerwalk.

Pray today that you will have the deep conviction that prayerwalking is done first and foremost for Jesus' sake. Plead that you will depend on His leadership and power as you prayerwalk.

Pleading For The Lost

The following Scripture prayers can enable you to plead for the salvation of the lost as you prayerwalk.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I plead that You will draw _____ to Jesus Christ in true faith and repentance (**John 6:44**).

In the name of Jesus, I ask You, Father, to quicken _____ who is dead in sins and trespasses (**Ephesians 2:1**).

Father, I ask You to bind and remove Satan's work in _____'s life and to open _____'s eyes to the truth of the gospel (**2 Corinthians 4:4**).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would convince _____ that he/she is lost, separated from God, and headed to hell (**Romans 3:23**).

Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I pray that You would destroy any false ideas that _____ has about Jesus Christ and salvation through Him (**Proverbs 14:12**).

Lord Jesus, I plead that You will seek out _____ and save him/her from his/her sins and eternal condemnation (**Luke 19:10**).

Father, I pray that You will open _____'s heart so that he/she will receive and believe the gospel (**Acts 16:14**).

Holy Spirit, I ask You through Your power and _____'s circumstances to prepare him/her to hear and receive the Word of God (**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**).

Holy Spirit, I plead that _____ will understand the gospel when it is presented to him/her so that the devil cannot snatch it away (**Matthew 13: 5, 9**).

Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I plead that the Word of God will take root in _____'s life and bring about true salvation in _____'s life (**Matthew 13:6, 20-21**).

Father, I ask that the pleasures of this world and the pressures of life will not choke the Word of God that has been sown into _____'s life (**Matthew 13:7, 22**).

Father, I plead that You will deliver _____ from the kingdom of darkness and place _____ into the kingdom of Your dear Son (**Colossians 1:13**).

Father, I pray that _____ will receive the free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord (**Romans 6:23**).

Lord Jesus, I ask that _____ will not trust in himself/herself, but that _____ will completely trust in You as his/her Savior and Lord (**Galatians 2:16**).

Holy God, I pray that You would grant genuine repentance to _____, a repentance that will cause him/her to hate sin and to turn from it (**Acts 11:8; Luke 13:1-3**).

Lord God, I plead that You would grant _____ genuine faith, a faith that trusts in Jesus alone and surrenders to Him as Lord and Savior (**Ephesians 2:8-10**).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would stir _____ out of his/her indifference and complacency concerning his/her condition and his/her need of the Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).

I ask in the name of Jesus Christ that _____ would surrender himself/herself to the Lord Jesus Christ (**Romans 14:9**).

Father, I pray that You will send people continually into _____'s life who will share the gospel with him/her (**Romans 10:14**).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You will put a new heart in _____ and that You will place Your Holy Spirit in him/her (**Jeremiah 42:30; Ezekiel 11:19-20**).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will cause _____ to hate sin and that You will break the power of those sins that are hindering him/her from coming to Christ (**Mark 9:43-47**).

Lord Jesus, I ask that _____ would surrender to You, denying

himself/herself, take up the Cross, and follow You (**Luke 9:23**).

Father, I plead that _____ will understand that his/her only hope for forgiveness and acceptance with You is through Jesus' work on the Cross (**1 Corinthians 1:18**).

Father, I pray that _____ would not neglect the glorious salvation, which is available through Your Son (**Hebrews 2:1-3**).

Lord Jesus, I pray that _____ will feel and know the burden of his/her sin and will come to You for forgiveness and salvation (**Matthew 11:28-30**).

Father, I plead that _____ will make a genuine commitment to Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of his/her life (**Luke 14:24-33**).

Lord Jesus, I plead that _____ will not be content with the appearance of righteousness but will seek You for the transformation of his/her whole life (**Matthew 23:27-29**).

Father, I pray that _____ will see that his/her good works are as filthy rags in Your sight and that they will not save him/her (**Isaiah 64:6**).

Father, I ask that _____ would believe and trust Your Son that You sent to be the Savior of sinners (**John 5:24**).

Lord Jesus, I ask that _____ would not die in his/her sins but would trust You and receive eternal life (**John 8:24**).

Because You came into the world to save sinners, I plead with You to save _____ who is a sinner and in need of Your grace and mercy (**1 Timothy 1:13-16**).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would humble _____ so that he/she sees his/her

need of Jesus Christ (**Psalms 18:27; Proverbs 8:13, 29:23**).

Prayerwalking A Church

The following is a prayer guide that you can use when you prayerwalk a church. It may be your church or a church that you encounter during a prayerwalk. You can plead these truths with confidence and power; they are God's will for His church (**1 John 5:14-15**).

- Filled with power and boldness (**Ephesians 5:18**)
- Fervent and consistent in prayer (**Colossians 4:2**)
- Passion for the lost (**Romans 10:1**)
- Numerous conversions (**Acts 2:47**)
- Faithful in worship and attendance (**Hebrews 10:24-25**)
- Reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Matthew 28:19-20**)
- Leading people to spiritual maturity (**1 Peter 2:1-2**)
- Equipping the saints to minister to the world (**Matthew 20:28**)
- Increasing love and unity in the body (**Psalms 133:1**)
- A spirit of confession and repentance in the body (**1 John 1:9**)
- Generous giving (**2 Corinthians 8:9**)
- A spirit of faithful prayer for pastor and deacons (**1 Timothy 3**)

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Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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When Your Spouse Is An Unbeliever

Numerous Christians are “spiritual widows”. These Christians have spouses in the physical, emotional, and financial aspects of life. Yet, their spouses are unbelievers. Due to this, they are spiritually alone. These Christians cannot share the spiritual blessings and burdens with their spouses because their spouses are not in a personal relationship with God. The Word of God refers to this situation as being “unequally yoked together” (2 Corinthians 6:14).

What Is A Beloved Unbeliever?

In modern society, we are not familiar with the yoke. In biblical times, a yoke controlled oxen. It consisted of a wooden bar with loops at either end. Farmers placed a yoke around the necks of a pair of oxen, harnessing them together and making them a team. It held the animals’ heads in place and maintained the balance between the two.

The yoke was constructed to force each ox to pull an equal share of the load. It bound the animals together. Therefore, if one pulled ahead or held back, the other member of the team would be hindered. The yoke would actually cause pain, choking the

one who pulled ahead or pinching the neck of the one who lagged behind. Because of this, the oxen kept a common pace, moving in the same manner and traveling in the same direction.

When Paul uses the term “unequally yoked,” he is declaring that a Christian who marries an unbeliever will be hindered in his or her walk with Jesus Christ. This situation will restrict his or her freedom in Christ. It can be a hindrance to his or her spiritual maturity. It will cause an imbalance in the spiritual responsibilities in the relationship. Moreover, it will cause pain and discomfort for the Christian. The unbelieving spouse is loved and cherished; yet, there is difficulty and stress because the other spouse is a Christian.

These things will be a reality because the Christian is harnessed to a person who does not believe or feel the same things that the Christian does. The Christian wants to live a holy life. His or her sinful nature and the ways of the world dominate the unbelieving spouse. The Christian wants to know God and serve Him. The unbeliever is selfish and wants to pursue the things of the world above the things of God. It is a continual struggle because two people who

have been harnessed together are attempting to go in opposite directions.

The Christian who is caught in this situation experiences a wide range of emotions. He or she wonders how much to confront his or her spouse with the truth of the gospel. This often creates conflict and friction in the marriage. Then, the Christian spouse draws back, feeling defeated. A spirit of compromise often sets in at this point. In addition, in the midst of all this, the Christian spouse grows weary at heart from the heaviness of this burden. To some extent, the Christian spouse may be happy in the marriage. There is love and intimacy in the relationship. Yet, the Christian spouse is not comfortable or complete due to the unbelief of the other. The Christian spouse longs for the conversion of his or her beloved unbeliever.

Praying For An Unbelieving Spouse

The following prayer requests are offered to guide the believing spouse in how to pray in this difficult situation. These requests will enable you to seek God for the help, strength, and power you need to deal with this situation. If you know believers that are in this situation, you can also use these requests. You can take these requests and use them in your intercession for the couple.

- ◆ Pray for the salvation of the unbelieving spouse (**John 3:15-16, 14:6; 1 Timothy 1:15**).
- ◆ Ask that God would give the believing spouse hope and peace in what appears to be a hopeless situation (**Philippians 4:7**).
- ◆ Plead that God would protect the believing spouse from depression and despair (**Proverbs 17:22**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will live a godly life before the unbelieving spouse (**1 Peter 3:1**).
- ◆ Ask that God would enable the believing spouse to see that he or she can depend on God for everything (**Proverbs 18:10**). The believing spouse often feels alone in this situation. Yet, this believer must come to understand that in his or her personal relationship to God, he or she has everything that is needed to face any situation. Knowing God personally and walking with Him daily provides all the power, blessing, hope, and strength that a person needs to cope.
- ◆ Pray that they will be true friends to each other (**Proverbs 17:17, 18:24; John 15:13; 1 Peter 3:8**). Even though they do not share spiritual realities, those involved in this kind of marriage need to share everything else. This friendship could lead to the opportunity to share the gospel with the unbelieving spouse.
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will do what he or she can to please the unbelieving spouse (**Proverbs 12:4**).
- ◆ Pray that God would enable the believing spouse to show his or her disapproval of the unbelieving spouse's sinful lifestyle, words, or actions without being condemning and judgmental (**Proverbs 31:26**). The previous and current prayer requests provide a balance. On the one hand, the believing spouse needs to do everything possible to please the unbelieving spouse. This is a matter of kindness and love. Yet, this cannot be allowed to develop into a spirit of

compromise. The believing spouse needs to know how to please the unbelieving spouse. At the same time, he or she needs wisdom to show disapproval of those things that are contradictory to the Word of God.

- ◆ Ask that God would enable the believing spouse to be faithful in her or her relationship to God and His church (**Matthew 22:36-38; Hebrews 10:25**). The believing spouse must continue to maintain his or her relationship to God even though the other spouse sees no need for this.
- ◆ Plead that God would give the believing spouse the wisdom to know when to share the gospel and when not to share the gospel (**James 1:5; Proverbs 17:27-28; Matthew 7:6**).
- ◆ Pray that God would enable the believing spouse to provide spiritual leadership and guidance for the children (**Deuteronomy 11:18-19, 32:45-46**). This request is especially needed when the believer is a woman. The man is to be the spiritual leader of the home. Yet, when the man is an unbeliever, the believing wife needs strength and wisdom to provide spiritual leadership and guidance for the children. Because the man will not do this, the responsibility falls to believing wife. She needs wisdom and insight for this. If the believer is a man, pray that God will give him insight on how to lead his home in a godly way.
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will honor and respect the unbelieving spouse (**Proverbs 31:12**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will confess and repent of disobeying God (**1 John 1:9**). If the believing spouse

disobeyed God and willfully married an unbeliever, this has to be dealt with by confession and repentance. There can be no spiritual power and blessing in an unequally yoked marriage until the believer deals with this sin.

- ◆ Plead that the believing spouse will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will manifest the fruit of the Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23**).
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will do all that he or she can to provide an atmosphere of harmony in the home (**Romans 12:18**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will be sympathetic (**1 Peter 3:8**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse would be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving (**Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8; Mark 11:25**).
- ◆ Plead that God would grant the believing spouse with the wisdom and strength to respond in a Christlike way when the unbelieving spouse persecutes him or her for his or relationship to Jesus Christ (**Proverbs 20:22, 24:29, 29:22; Romans 12:14**).
- ◆ Ask that the believing spouse will be humble (**1 Peter 3:8**).
- ◆ Pray that God would cause the believing spouse to know that He is with him or her and that he or she is not alone in this struggle (**Isaiah 41:13, 43:2**).
- ◆ Pray that God would give wisdom and insight to the believing spouse so that he or she would know how to make the needs of the unbelieving spouse a priority without compromising his or her relationship to Jesus Christ (**James 1:5**).
- ◆ Ask that God would protect the believing spouse if the situation is abusive, whether

physically or emotionally (**Psalm 3:7, 145:14**).

- ◆ Plead that God will surround the believing spouse with godly and faithful friends who will listen, help, and pray for the believing spouse and his or her beloved unbeliever (**Proverbs 17:17**).
- ◆ Ask that God would give the believing spouse the assurance of his or her salvation (**1 John 5:13**).
- ◆ Pray that the believing spouse will know that God does care and listens to his or her prayers (**1 Peter 5:7**).
- ◆ Pray that the children in this situation will be protected emotionally, physically, and spiritually (**Psalm 127:3**).
- ◆ Ask that God would heal the emotional pain that the believing spouse experiences in this situation (**Psalm 145:14, 147:3; Romans 12:12, 15**).
- ◆ Pray that Satan's plan to destroy this marriage and family would be defeated by the Holy Spirit through the Word and prayer (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).
- ◆ Pray that whatever demonic forces have been assigned to this situation would be bound and sent away by Jesus (**Mark 1:21-26**).

The Relationship Prayer

Your relationships can be strengthened and deepened through prayer. The following prayer is offered as a guide to help you in praying for the various relationships in your life. This prayer is based on **1 Corinthians 13** and **Ephesians 4:32**. You can use this prayer or develop your own from it. This prayer can be used in any type of relationship that you have: husband-wife, parent-child, boyfriend-

girlfriend, and friend-friend. Be diligent to pray for the relationships in your life and to apply the truths of God's Word to these relationships. In order to use this prayer, simply insert the name of the person in the blanks.

Heavenly Father, You are a good and merciful God. You are a loving and generous Father. I thank you for _____. You have granted me to the opportunity to know and love _____. My relationship to _____ is a precious gift from You. Enable me to be faithful to _____ so that I might be a good steward of the gift of this relationship in my life. Help me to always point _____ to You and Your holy Word. Cause me to remember that genuine love is patient and kind. Enable me to be slow in losing my patience with _____. Keep me from boiling with jealousy when _____ is concerned. Always help me to be myself around _____ and enable me to always receive and treat _____ with respect. Keep me from being arrogant toward _____.

Merciful Father, no matter how I feel or what my circumstances are, empower me to never be rude to _____. Always make me sensitive to _____'s circumstances and feelings. Grant that I will keep _____'s needs and feelings a priority in my thinking, speaking and acting. Father, give me the strength and the wisdom to keep selfishness from gaining a foothold in my relationship to _____.

God, keep me from being irritable or resentful toward _____. Even

when _____ hurts or disappoints me, protect me from anger and bitterness toward _____. Keep me from being overly sensitive and never let me keep a record of the failures that I feel _____ has committed. Deliver me from rejoicing over any pain that _____ experiences and let me always rejoice with _____ in his/her victories and successes.

Cause me to be eager to believe the best about _____ and slow to think the worst about him/her. Cause me to always have hope and patience in my relationship with _____. Empower me by Your Holy Spirit to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving toward _____ in all situations.

Thank you Father for _____. Abundantly bless my relationship to him/her for Your glory and our good. Amen.

World Prayer Calendar

November

- 1-Turks and Caicos Islands
- 2-Tuvalu
- 3-Uganda-The Church
- 4-Uganda-The Lost
- 5-Ukraine-The Church
- 6-United Arab Emirates
- 7-United Kingdom-The Church
- 8-United Kingdom-The Lost
- 9-United Kingdom-Spiritual Awakening
- 10-England
- 11-Northern Ireland
- 12-Scotland
- 13-Wales
- 14-United States-The Church
- 15-United States-The Lost
- 16-United States-Spiritual Awakening

- 17-United States-Missionary Fervor
- 18-United States-Government
- 19-United States-Spiritual Unity
- 20-Uruguay
- 21-Uzbekistan
- 22-Vanuatu
- 23-Venezuela-The Church
- 24-Venezuela-The Lost
- 25-Vietnam-The Church
- 26-Vietnam-The Lost
- 27-Vietnam-Open Doors
- 28-Virgin Islands
- 29-Revival In Caribbean
- 30-Wallis and Futura Islands

December

- 1-Yemen-The Church
- 2-Yemen-The Lost
- 3-Yugoslavia
- 4-Bosnia
- 5-Hercegovina
- 6-Montenegro
- 7-Serbia
- 8-Macedonia
- 9-Zaire-The Church
- 10-Zaire-The Lost
- 11-Zambia
- 12-Zimbabwe
- 13-Africa
- 14-Asia
- 15-Caribbean
- 16-Eurasia
- 17-Europe
- 18-Latin America
- 19-Middle East
- 20-North America
- 21-Pacific
- 22-The Fall of Islam
- 23-The Fall of Hinduism

- 24-Bible Translation and Distribution Across the World
- 25-That The Glory and Power of Jesus Would Be Seen Across The World
- 26-More Missionaries
- 27-Believers With A Heart For The World
- 28-Increase In Giving To Mission Efforts
- 29-Destruction of Satan’s Grip Over the Nations
- 30-Worldwide Prayer For World Evangelization
- 31-The Soon Return Of Jesus

Praying For Your Child’s Emotional Well Being

A parent desires that his or her child is safe and healthy physically. Yet, a parent also longs that the child is healthy emotionally. Emotional well being is crucial for relationships at all levels—God, church, work, marriage, and family. Damaged and unhealthy emotions can cause massive problems for a person and his or her life. This area must be covered in prayer.

The following prayers can help you intercede for your child’s emotional well being. In order to use the prayers, simply place the name of your child in the blank and plead the truth of the Scripture his or her behalf.

Father, I plead that You will cause _____ to know that he/she is fearfully and wonderfully made. I ask that _____ will see that he/she is Your precious and unique creation. Teach _____ that he/she is precious in Your sight and that You love him/her (**Psalms 139:14-15**).

Father, I pray that _____ will love his/her enemies. Empower him/her to do good to those who hate him/her. Help _____ to bless those who curse him/her. Teach _____ to pray for those who mistreat him/her. Father, I plead that _____ will do for others, as he/she would like them to do for him/her (**Luke 6:27-31**).

Father, I plead that _____ will grow as Jesus did in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (**Luke 2:52**).

Father, teach _____ that the fear of man brings a snare, but that the one who trusts in You will be kept safe. I plead that _____ will strive to win Your praise rather than seek the approval of his/her peers (**Proverbs 29:25; John 5:44**).

Father, I pray that _____ would be filled with joy given by the Holy Spirit. I ask that _____ would always be joyful, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in every circumstance because this is Your will for him/her (**1 Thessalonians 1:6; 5:16-18**).

Father, I pray that _____ would be diligent to confess his/her sins. Cause him/her to know that You are faithful and just to forgive and cleanse _____ of his/her sin when he/she confesses. Grant _____ a repentant spirit. Deliver him/her from becoming complacent toward sin. Don’t let him/her get bogged down by past sins and guilt. Cause him/her to focus on Your grace and love and the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ (**1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13**).

Father, when _____ feelings are hurt, I pray that _____ will rest in Your love and depend on Your promises. Cause him/her to look to You for the help and the comfort that he/she needs (**Romans 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4**).

Father, I ask You to create within _____ a forgiving spirit. Empower him/her to freely forgive others. Protect him/her from a bitter and angry spirit. Instead of responding with bitterness and anger, enable _____ to respond with forgiveness and mercy. I ask that _____ would be kind to others, tenderhearted, forgiving others as God through Christ has forgiven him/her (**Ephesians 4:31-32**).

Father, I plead that You would satisfy _____ with Your unfailing love. I pray that _____ would sing for joy all the days of his/her life (**Psalms 90:14**).

Lord, when _____ is confronted with fear, pressure, or worry, I ask that he/she will trust in You. I pray that _____ will not be afraid but will know that You are with him/her. I plead that _____ would not be dismayed but would know that You are his/her God. Strengthen and help _____. I plead that You would uphold _____ with Your righteous right hand (**Isaiah 41:10**).

Father, I plead that _____'s identity would be rooted in Your love and Your work in his/her life. Cause him/her to know that he/she is the work of Your hands

and that he/she has is precious and valuable. Help him/her to experience Your love in his/her life (**Psalms 139:14**).

Father, You are the Healer of the brokenhearted. You bind up the wounds. I pray that You would grant emotional healing in _____'s life. Bind up the emotional wounds that he/she has suffered. Let Your love and grace restore and rebuild the damaged emotions. I plead that _____ will experience wholeness through the power of Jesus Christ (**Psalms 147:3**).

Blessing Your Family

(Psalm 127)

The following is a prayer that you can use to plead for God's blessing on your family. At the same time, you can use this prayer or develop your own from it. This prayer is based on Psalm 127. The crucial issue is to understand that only God can build a marriage and a family. You are to plead with Him to bless your family with His grace and power. You might also use this prayer to intercede for other families.

"Father, I/we commit my/our family into Your hands. Your Word declares that unless You build the house, those who build it labor in vain. Father, I/we do not have the power to build and keep this family together. It is only through You that we can be a family and grow as a family. I/We ask for Your blessing on this family. Meet all our needs—physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Let Your power love and wisdom flow into this family.

Protect us from all the attacks of our enemy, Satan. Cut off any avenue that he might attempt to attack us. Cause this family to grow in grace and in the knowledge of You. Let this family shine as an example of what You intended the family to be. Remove any obstacles that would hinder this family from becoming what You want it to be. Through the good and bad of life, let Your grace, peace, and love surround and fill our family.

O God, cause this family to be a force for righteousness. Empower us so that we can have a powerful, positive impact for the Lord Jesus Christ. Use this family as an instrument for carrying out Your purposes. Glorify Your name through this family. Amen."

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