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PRAYER + CARE HANDBOOK

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PRAYER LEADERSHIP INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Prayer + Care Team!

Hi, my name is Mikayla Evans and I am so excited to serve alongside you on the Prayer + Care Team. I joined Home Church when I met my now husband, Benjamin, in 2016. We are high school sweethearts and have one son, Psalm, together. We believe that God is working in Home Church and the city of Xenia and are passionate about doing our part to serve Him and our community well.

We believe the mission of the Church goes beyond Sunday mornings and we are called to walk alongside and pray for one another. Through every season, we want those around us to experience the hope and love that Jesus has to offer. Your interest in the Prayer + Care Team shows your heart for others and your desire to serve and pray for those around you. I can't wait to see how God uses your gifts and passion for others!



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PRAYER LEADERSHIP INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Kayli and I am so blessed to be a part of the prayer team. I have attended the church since ninth grade! I was under Pastor Chaz in youth 10 years ago! I have always had a heart for prayer and ministry. The Lord is more than able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all we could ask or think. I am believing and expecting God to move greatly through this team. I cannot wait to see what He accomplishes.

My husband, Isaac, began attending the church May of 2025. We both believe in Pastor Chaz and Val as the anointed leaders of Home Church. We are so excited to see lives changed, people delivered, and then set on fire for Jesus! There is no greater joy than seeing the Holy Spirit move in someone's life. We both are passionate about connecting to God through prayer. It is truly an honor to stand by others through every season of life. I am humbled to be placed in this position. I look forward to praying with you!



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PRAYER + CARE VISION

The mission of Home Church is to help people Encounter Christ, Experience Life Change, Embrace Community, and Engage in Calling. We believe the Prayer + Care team can come alongside the church in accomplishing this mission through the power of prayer and service to others.

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

This verse shows that God calls us to live in community and serve one another. This is one of the best ways to show the love that Jesus has for us. The Prayer + Care Team strives to help support and care for people in all walks of life. We strive to cover our church, members, and community in prayer. Philippians 4:6 calls us to come to the Lord with everything in prayer and Matthew 7:7 reveals the power of prayer. We want each individual to feel loved and celebrated, and know that they have a brother or sister in Christ walking through everyday life with them. Together, through prayer and service to others, we will help those around us feel the love of God and know they can always come Home.



ONBOARDING PROCESS

Step One - Attend Home Track

Attend Home Track to discover your purpose and live the life God created for you. Connect with Home Church and understand the mission and vision of the church. Learn more about our outreach and missions, church government, and leadership. Discover your unique gifts and passions through a personality assessment and spiritual gifts test. You can sign up to attend Home Track HERE.

Step Two - Join the Home Team

Dig deeper into the results of your personality assessment and spiritual gifts test. Discover the values and culture of Home Church. Learn how you can utilize your gifts on the Home Team to serve others. If you have attended Home Track and are ready to join the Home Team, you can complete the "Join the Home Team" <u>HERE</u>.

Step Three - Schedule an Onboarding Meeting and Share your Serving Preferences

You should receive two follow-up emails within 48 hours of completing the Join the Home Team form. Respond to each of these emails to share your serving preferences and schedule an onboarding meeting. This meeting will be in between services on a Sunday morning.

Step Four - Complete Onboarding Meeting

Complete the Onboarding Meeting to get familiar with Planning Center, the layout of the facility, get your picture taken, and meet the Directors.

Step Five - Connect with your Team

After you have had your initial onboarding meeting, your Director will reach out within 48 hours to set a time to go over team specific details such as the Handbook, agreeing to the Leadership Honor Code, and any other team specific information or questions!

Step Six - Start Serving

Confirm an invitation via the Services through Planning Center to shadow your preferred serving areas. This provides you with an opportunity to connect with other members of the team, gain hands-on experience alongside another team member, and ask questions as you serve. After the shadow experience you are ready to serve!



Leadership Honor Code

All people serving will commit to the following Leadership:

As an essential part of the Home Team, you have a responsibility to develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior. This should be the basic premise of your desire to participate in a servant-leader position here at Home Church. While serving the Body of Christ as a servant-leader at Home Church, you pledge to present a good appearance at all times. In both attire and behavior, you should strive to demonstrate biblical standards in all situations. As Christians, the way we present ourselves to others is of vital importance to the way others perceive Christ. Our conduct should never be an embarrassment to Christ but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and servant-leader. Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, Home Church leaders are to maintain a disciplined lifestyle of Bible reading, prayer, and fasting, as well as abstaining from any behavior which might cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble. By providing an example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become servant-leaders themselves. This is a way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader in the Home Church family. We regard a disciplined lifestyle as an essential part of our development, not as an imposition or restriction.



PRAYER + CARE SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Altar Prayer

Those serving in altar prayer serve our congregation through prayer in accordance with their needs. Those needs can include healing, salvation, prophetic word, etc. Weekly responsibilities include praying with those who come forward during Sunday service or at our monthly Prayer Night.

Prayer Requests

Team members oversee all prayer requests submitted online and in person. Weekly responsibilities include checking GroupMe to receive a copy of all requests and praying for those throughout the week. Team members will follow up with prayer requests by phone or email as directed by the Prayer Director.

Nursing Home Visits

Team members will visit local nursing homes as a group to socialize and care for patients. They will also be able to make personal visits. Most of the time there will be spent talking or playing cards with patients. This small gesture can make a huge impact on them. Occasionally, we will have music worship sessions in the nursing homes.

Special Occasion Cards

Team members send cards to Home Church members to acknowledge special occasions (Birthday, Anniversary, Surgery, Marriage, etc.) They write notes inside the cards and sign them before giving them to the Prayer + Care Director to send to the recipients. This is an excellent opportunity to show that we care about the special moments.

Hospital Visits

Team members will visit church members who are hospitalized. Whether for a small emergency or a bigger ailment, we provide support by visiting members and encouraging them. These visits can be done in small groups or individually.



Mentorship

Prayer + Care Team members who have attended Mentorship Training will be able to provide mentorship. If you want to learn more about mentorship, please contact the Care Director directly. People can request mentorship in the following areas: biblical, marital, family, addiction, and other areas of life.

MealTrains

MealTrains are organized for church members going through a crisis or life change. This can include welcoming a new baby, losing a loved one, or experiencing unforeseen circumstances. We first defer to the recipient's Home Group to allow their group to provide support. The Prayer + Care Team then fills slots on the MealTrain as needed. If you enjoy cooking or providing a meal for others, this would be a great serving opportunity for you!



PRAYER + CARE SERVING GUIDELINES

Arrival

Team members serving on a Sunday morning must print their name tags before Team Rally.

8:30 AM

Team members serving at the 8:30 AM service will **arrive at 8:00 AM** in the lobby for Team Rally.

10:00 AM

Team members serving at the 10:00 AM service will **arrive at 9:30 AM** in the back parking lot for Team Rally.

11:30 AM

Team members serving at the 11:30 AM service will **arrive at 11:00 AM** in the back parking lot for Team Rally.

Departure

All Service Times

Those serving in Altar Prayer will be invited to come forward at the end of service. At that time, make your way to the front of the stage. You will remain there until the end of the final song. If you are still praying as the final song ends, continue to pray until every person waiting for prayer has been prayed over.

Scheduling

Team members are welcome to choose the care opportunities they would like to fulfill. Many care opportunities will have a larger time frame to complete so team members may choose the day/time they would like to complete the request. The Prayer + Care Director may ask specific team members to fulfill certain requests. Team members are welcome to decline if they so choose.

All Prayer + Care Team members are welcome to set their scheduling preferences, including service times, positions, and frequency. You can update your serving preferences through Planning Center. <u>HERE</u> is guidance from Planning Center on setting your serving preferences.



Communication

We have two main means of communication that we utilize for Home Team members: Planning Center and GroupMe.

Planning Center Services

- → Emails are sent to share serving invitations, arrival times, and reminders.
- → Notifications from Services are shared through the app if you have it downloaded.

GroupMe

- → Team chats are used to share team-wide announcements and updates.
- → Team chats provide a way for team members to connect with one another.

Team chats are a great place to see if other team members can swap serving dates or times with you if your original schedule does not work.

Serving Guidelines

- → To ensure the safety and integrity of the Prayer + Care Team, money is never distributed to a requestor. All requests for monetary assistance should be referred to the Prayer + Care Director directly.
- → Serving opportunities will be shared by the Prayer + Care Director. Please wait to act on a Care Request or Prayer Request until you've heard from the leader.
- → Avoid giving counseling. We want to meet the need that was requested and steer away from sharing our personal advice or opinions.
- → Engage with the requester on a personal level. This is our chance to show them the love that Christ has for them.
- → Do not shame someone for needing help. We are all walking through different stages of life. Our goal is to uplift and support one another when times are difficult.
- → Some care opportunities will need discretion. Please do not publicize the name, address, or other personal information of the requestor.
- → Arrive on time and ready to serve.
- → Be fully present in the time you are serving. Please keep phone use to a minimum.
- → Be confidential with the information that is shared during the time you are serving.



Request Forms

Prayer Requests and Care Requests are submitted through the form available on our website. You can access the forms by visiting https://mvhomechurch.live/prayerandcare.

→ Care Requests

These steps are followed when a Care Request is received:

- 1. The Prayer + Care Director shares the serving opportunity with the team via email and/or the Prayer + Care Team GroupMe Chat.
 - Some requests may be assigned to specific team members. This will be determined on an individual basis by the Prayer + Care Director.
- 2. The team will fulfill the request based on the resources available. This is typically done in one or two sessions.

→ Prayer Requests

These steps are followed when a Prayer Request is received:

- 1. The Prayer + Care Director shares the request with the team via email and/or the Prayer + Care Team GroupMe Chat.
- 2. The team will pray over the requests and follow up as needed. All prayer requests that request follow-up with Home Team members will receive a minimum of two touchpoints: Initial Contact and Follow-up Contact.

- Initial Contact

The Prayer + Care Director reaches out to share encouragement and support for the prayer request submitted. This is done 24-48 hours after the request has been received.

- Follow Up Contact

A team member (as requested by the Prayer + Care Director) will follow up with the prayer request submitted within 1 - 1.5 weeks of the request being received. Additional follow-up can be done on an as-needed basis determined by the Prayer + Care Director.



Altar Prayer

Altar Prayer is one of the ways we engage in Intercessory Prayer - prayer that is a plea to God on behalf of yourself, or in this case, on behalf of someone else. We open the altars for intercessory prayer during service on Sunday mornings. Below is a detailed list of how we are to conduct ourselves when we participate in Altar Prayer.

1. Prepare Your Spirit And Mind

Enter into prayer with a clear mind and a sensitive spirit so that you may think and act in accordance with the Spirit.

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Colossians 3:2

2. Pray In Pairs Of Two

We ask that all participants pray in pairs. Preferably one male and one female to encourage accountability and maintain modesty in the church.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20

3. Pray For Specific Needs

Be attentive to the needs of those who come forward for prayer. This is not a time to counsel, but to listen and pray in accordance with their specific needs. We want people to know we are standing with them in prayer for their specific needs to be met.

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

4. Pray With Confidence And Anticipation

People should sense the confidence you have in the Lord when you seek Him in prayer – anticipating answered prayers. This will give the person a sense of hope, support, and assurance.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

John 15:7



5. Don't Be A Distraction

Be careful not to distract the person you are praying for with the volume of your prayer. Please do not use your personal prayer language during this time. You do not know where the person is on their spiritual journey and we do not want to make them or those around you uncomfortable. We want to ensure our prayers speak biblical truth over the specific needs shared and leave the person feeling considered and cared for.

"So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air."

1 Corinthians 4:19

6. Confidentiality is a Must

To keep the altar a safe space, names, and prayer requests are to be treated with confidentiality.

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." James 5:16

"Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered."

Proverbs 11:13

7. Leave With Hope

Determine that you've prayed in accordance with their needs and they left feeling encouraged. If they need more time for prayer continue to do so. Come prepared with Scripture on your heart so you can speak truth over people. Below are a few examples of topics you may be asked to pray for.

8. Criminal Activity

If there is criminal activity, we have a responsibility to report it and walk them through this. If this is the situation, bring this to the attention of the Prayer Director or Lead Pastor.

* The remainder of this handbook is a guide to creating a lifestyle of prayer, which includes prayer models that can guide your prayer time.



ABOUT THE PRAYER GUIDE

We don't have to follow a specific formula to talk with God, but practicing different ways to pray can help us find a deeper purpose and connection to Him through our prayer time.

This guide is designed to give you the standard operating procedures for Altar Prayer, Prayer Requests, and several prayer models to help you in these areas of the Prayer Ministry. You don't have to master all of them at once; you can select a different prayer model each day and spend time working through it at your own pace. You can go in any order you want, and you can even spend a few days on the same model as you become more comfortable with it.

To get started, choose which model you want to use today in prayer. As you pray, focus on the process the model reveals, giving yourself time to pray intentionally. If your mind wanders, use the model to restore your focus.

The goal of using this guide is not to add pressure or overwhelm you. The goal is simply to get comfortable with different biblical models of prayer and for your prayer life to become more natural, effective, and enjoyable. To make your prayer time even more meaningful, you can write notes and prayer requests and play worship music. The important step is committing to regularly entering God's presence through prayer.

The heart of this guide is to help you find a new level of purpose in your prayer life. While prayer does take commitment and can require discipline to develop into a daily habit, we also want to remember that it's a "get to" not a "got to." It's a privilege to be able to come to God in prayer.

Note: All scripture referenced throughout is NIV unless otherwise noted.



CREATING A LIFESTYLE OF 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

Prayer is most effective when it's a lifestyle we cultivate, not when it's something we do now and then. To understand how to have a lifestyle of prayer, we can look at the example Jesus gave during His life on earth.

Have a Certain Time

Jesus got up very early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father. For prayer to work, we should do the same. Make a daily appointment with God and keep it.

Have a Certain Place

Jesus had a prayer place. Your prayer place needs to be a non-distracting environment where you can pray out loud and perhaps have some worship music playing in the background.

Have a Certain Plan

Go into your prayer time with a plan and if it changes, that's fine. When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He gave His disciples a prayer outline. We call it the Lord's Prayer. This outline, along with several other tools, are available in this booklet.



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Holy Bible

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible, and inerrant.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26

Trinity

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal.

1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11

The Father

God is great: He is all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and holy. It is in Him that we live, move, and exist. God is good. He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.

Exodus 3:14; Numbers 23:19; Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2; Psalm 11:4-6; Malachi 3:6; John 3:16

The Son

Jesus Christ is God the Son. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, and died on the cross for mankind, thus paying the price for our sins through the shedding of His blood. On the third day, He rose from the dead just as the Scriptures said He would. He ascended to the right hand of the Father and will return again in power and glory.

John 1:1, 1:14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit's presence assures us of our relationship with Christ. He guides believers into all truth and exalts Christ. He convicts people of their sin, God's righteousness, and the coming judgment. He comforts us, gives us spiritual gifts, and makes us more like Christ.

Genesis 1:2; Psalm 51:11, 139:7; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Mark 1:10; Luke 1:35, 4:1, 11:13, 12:12; 1 Corinthians 12:11



Virgin Birth

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father through the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary's womb. Therefore, He is the Son of God and man.

Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35

Redemption

Man was created good, but fell when he chose to use his free will for evil; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21

Regeneration

The transformation of a person's spiritual condition from death to life through the work of the Holy Spirit. Another phrase for regeneration is 'born again,' which describes the process through which man is made dead to his sins and made alive (regenerated) in Christ. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is required to truly know God.

John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5

Salvation

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts.

Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22

Repentance

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Repentance is essential to salvation, and thus, it is through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins.

Acts 2:21, 3:19; 1 John 1:9

Sanctification

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.

1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; Romans 8:29; 12:1-2; Hebrews 2:11



Jesus' Blood

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for our sins, enabling all those who believe in Him to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death.

1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29

The Holy Spirit Today

The Holy Spirit assures believers of salvation and guides, teaches, comforts, convicts, and empowers Christ followers. The gifts of the Holy Spirit always operate in harmony with Scripture and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters. Gifts are not essential to salvation but should be earnestly desired by all believers.

John 16:8-11; Acts 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 14:1

The Church

The Church is a local community of baptized believers unified through faith in Christ. It is committed to the teachings of Christ and obeying all of His commands, and it seeks to bring the Gospel to the world. The Church works together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23

Water Baptism

After placing their faith in Jesus Christ, the new believer is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward change.

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48

Communion

Also called the Lord's Supper, believers consume juice and bread representing the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.

Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25

Marriage

We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant - a sacred bond - between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God.

Matthew 19:4-6



Resurrection

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved (believers) and the lost (unbelievers) will be resurrected. Believers will join the resurrection of life and unbelievers will join the resurrection of eternal damnation.

Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21

Heaven

Heaven is the literal eternal dwelling place for all believers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; 1 Peter 1:4

Hell

After living one life on earth, unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented by the Devil and the Fallen Angels.

Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8

Eschatology

We affirm the bodily, personal, second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the saints, the millennium, and the final judgment. The final judgment will determine the eternal status of both the saints and the unbelievers, determined by their relationship to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7



PRAYER MODELS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is often recited in churches or at religious events, but there's so much more to this prayer. Jesus provided this model as an outline to teach us how to pray in a way that connects us to God and empowers us to accomplish great things through Him. This model takes us through each part of The Lord's Prayer, showing us how to pray the way Jesus instructed.

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

"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen."

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

1. Connect With God Relationally

"Our Father in Heaven"

God loves for us to call Him our Father. Establish your intimate relationship with Him and thank Him for that relationship.

"You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15 (NLT)

Proclaim your intimate relationship with God, addressing Him lovingly as your Father and thanking Him that you are His child.

Prayer:

Father, I come to You in prayer today thankful that I am Your child. I know I am a sinner, yet You have forgiven me and adopted me as Your own. I am so grateful to call you my Father. Thank you for loving me. I love you.

2. Worship His Name

"Hallowed Be Your Name"

God loves when we worship Him, and there is power in His Name. Here is a list of some of His Names to help us worship Him specifically and personally:



God is Righteousness - He makes us clean

God is Sanctifier – He has called us and set us apart

God is Healer - He heals all our diseases

God is Banner of Victory – He defeated our enemies

God is Shepherd – He speaks to us and leads us God is Peace – He is our peace in every storm

God is Provider – He supplies all of our needs

"God's name is a place of protection— the righteous can run there and be safe."

Proverbs 18:10 (MSG)

Speak God's Names out loud. When we proclaim who He is, we not only worship Him, but we also remind ourselves how powerful and great our God is.

Prayer:

God, I am in awe of You. Your Name is a strong tower, a place of protection and safety for me. I praise You as my Healer, my Shepherd, and my Banner of Victory. You are my Peace, my Provider, my Righteousness and my Sanctifier. Your Name is great, and I worship You.

3. Pray His Agenda First

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"

Part of being a child of God is caring about what He cares about. We know His will is perfect, and we acknowledge His wisdom and sovereignty when we pray for His agenda first.

"He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."

Luke 12:31 (TLB)

Spend time focusing on what God is focused on. His priorities include:

- Saving the lost
- Guiding those in authority parental, spiritual, governmental
- His will to be done in our lives

Praver:

God, I recognize there is no better plan on earth than Yours, and I pray for Your will to be done in my life (name the areas of your life where you need more of God's presence today) and in our world. This world is lost and needs You desperately, and I pray for every person to know You as their personal Lord and Savior. I pray for the leaders in my life (pray specifically over parents, spiritual leaders, government leaders, employers, and any other leaders in your life), that You would give them supernatural wisdom and discernment as they lead. Give them a revelation of Your will and Your purpose for them. I give my life to You again today; have Your way in



my life! Anything You want to do in or through me, I will do. I ask today for wisdom and clarity as You show me my next steps.

4. Depend on Him for Everything

"Give us this day our daily bread"

God promises to supply all our needs, and He wants us to come to Him with our problems, needs, and desires and to trust Him to provide.

"I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!"

Psalm 121:1-2 (NLT)

Ask God for what you need today. It may help to write down the concerns weighing on your mind or the desires of your heart. You can bring them to God, and trust Him enough to hand them over to Him fully. It may help to open your hands before God to physically show your surrender to Him. Problems can either be ours or God's; they can't be both.

Prayer:

Father, I acknowledge that everything I need today will come from You. You made the heavens and the earth; You are more than capable of handling any situation I'm dealing with, so I give it to You completely (specifically talk to God about what is on your mind and heart right now and give it to Him). I look to You to help me, sustain me, and give me Your peace. Remind me of Your hope and power today. Thank You in advance for taking care of my needs.

5. Forgive and Be Forgiven

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"

God has offered us complete forgiveness, and we can receive it at any time. When we turn away from our sins and receive His forgiveness, our hearts are more prepared to forgive others.

"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

Ask God to check your heart and life and show you areas where you might need to ask for forgiveness from Him. Then, it's your turn to forgive those who have offended you. We can even choose to forgive people in advance. Ask God to forgive you and to help you forgive others.

Prayer:

God, thank You so much for offering me the gift of forgiveness. Show me any areas in my life that I need to bring before You to receive forgiveness and healing. I confess



that I have been struggling with sin (talk to God about any areas of sin in your life), and I know that You want me to be clean again. Please forgive me for my sin. Thank You for showing me unfailing grace. As You have so freely forgiven me, I also want to freely forgive others. Please help me let go of all my offenses. I release to You those who have hurt me, and I trust You to handle those situations according to Your perfect will.

6. Engage in Spiritual Warfare

"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"

Spiritual warfare can seem difficult to understand, but the Bible makes it very clear that we have an enemy who is trying to steal from us, kill us, and destroy us. As we pray, we take our stand against the enemy and fight from a place of victory through Jesus as we are empowered by His Holy Spirit. There is power in God's Word, and every lie the enemy has told us can be replaced with God's truth.

"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."

Ephesians 6:12

By recognizing that the enemy wants to destroy you, you can shed light on his lies and claim God's truth over your life. Ask God to show you any lies you're believing or areas of warfare happening in your life. Ask Him to expose the enemy and to help you understand and receive His truth. Simply speaking the Name of Jesus has great power in the spiritual realm. The Bible tells us in James 4:7 that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. Through prayer, we can resist him and walk forward in freedom.

Praver:

God, I recognize that my struggles today aren't against the people or circumstances around me, but against the enemy. Please help me to see how the enemy is lying to me. Help

me to recognize his lies, take them captive, and make all of my thoughts obedient to the truth of Your Word (list out any specific areas God shows you where you have believed a lie that needs to be replaced with His truth). While the enemy wants to destroy me, I know that You came to give me life to the fullest. I speak the name of Jesus over my life and declare that no weapon formed against me will prosper. I don't have to fear the enemy because the One who is in me is greater than the One who is in the world.

7. Express Faith in God's Ability

"For yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever."



God is more than able to move in every situation, and ending our prayer time claiming His authority and power focuses our minds on the truth and hope of who He is and what He can do.

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You."

Jeremiah 32:17

Remind yourself of God's limitless power and then return to praising Him and declaring your faith in Him:

Prayer:

Father God, nothing is too hard for You! Through Your great power, all things are possible. All authority is Yours, all might is Yours and I know Your victory will be complete. You are amazing, and I worship You. I praise You for Your power and presence in my life. You are my God, and You are worthy of all praise.

TABERNACLE PRAYER

In the Old Testament, the Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God, built to His specifications, where He would meet His people. As they entered the Tabernacle, they passed through seven stations, following God's instructions, to experience His presence. Today, even though we no longer need the physical Tabernacle to meet with God, these same steps can help us connect with Him. This prayer model will take us through each station of the Tabernacle and use the purpose of each station to guide our prayers.

1. The Outer Court

Thanksgiving and Praise

The Israelites entered the Tabernacle with thanksgiving and praise, and we start our prayer time the same way.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."

Psalm 100:4

Spend some time really thinking about all the blessings in your life for which you're thankful. You can write down a list, sing your own song of praise, or just spend quiet moments reflecting on your gratitude and praise toward God.



[&]quot;Yours is the Kingdom" - all authority belongs to You

[&]quot;Yours is the Power" – all mightiness flows from You

[&]quot;Yours is the Glory" - Your victory will be complete

Prayer:

Father God, You are good, and You deserve all my praise. Thank You for the many ways You have blessed me and for watching over me (tell Him specific things in your life that you're grateful for. Thank Him for something new that you've never thanked Him for before). I want to experience Your presence and Your love in a fresh way today, Jesus. I thank you that Your mercies are new every day. I thank You for Who You are and all You have done for me.

2. The Brazen Altar

The Cross of Jesus

In the Old Testament, everyone had to regularly bring animal sacrifices as payment for their sins. Today, we don't have to do that because Jesus paid for our sins once and for all with His blood on the cross.

"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

Thank God for the gift of Jesus. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and love. Let the power of the cross and what it means for your life really settle in your spirit. In addition to expressing your gratitude, claim the power of transformation and healing that the cross of Jesus has in your life.

The cross provides us with five major benefits:

- Salvation God forgives all my sin
- Healing God heals all my diseases
- Redemption God rescues me and restores me
- Transformation God changes me into His likeness
- Blessing God provides everything I need

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for making a way for me through Your Son. Jesus, thank You for the sacrifice You made for me on the cross. You saved me, and You set me free. I praise You for being my Healer. You have power over all disease and harm in my life (list specific areas where you need to experience God's healing power). Thank You for being my Redeemer. You rescue me and give my life purpose. Thank You for transforming my life with Your love and making me new. I want to grow to be more like You (give Him access to every area of your life). Thank You for blessing me. I know You have good plans for me and all that I have comes from You (thank Him for specific blessings in your life).



3. The Laver

Cleansing and Preparing

The next step in the Tabernacle was a bowl of water where people were reminded of their sinfulness and their need to be cleansed and forgiven by God. Checking our hearts and motives and surrendering our lives to God is an important part of daily prayer.

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1 (ESV)

Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can confess our sins to Him and receive complete forgiveness and a fresh start. In prayer, humbly and sincerely turn away from your sins and allow God to cleanse and renew you. Then, surrender your life to Him.

Prayer:

God, I confess my sins to You and turn away from them (tell God any sin you know is in your life and confess it to Him with a sincere heart. Ask Him to show you any other areas that need His cleansing). Thank You, God, for freely forgiving me. As I turn away from my sin, I turn toward You, and I offer myself to You:

I give You my tongue, to speak good and not evil I give You my eyes, to focus on You and the needs of others

I give You my ears, to be sensitive to Your voice

I give You my hands, to do good for others

I give You my feet, to walk in Your ways and

follow Your footsteps

I give You my mind, to be transformed and used by You

I ask You, Lord, for the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23, so that I can grow closer to You and make a difference in the lives of others. I ask for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

4. The Candlestick

The Holy Spirit

The next piece of the Tabernacle was a seven-branched golden candlestick. The fire represents the Holy Spirit and how we are called to be light in the world's darkness.

"The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord."

Isaiah 11:2

When Jesus left the earth, Christians were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. He calls the Holy Spirit our "advocate." We cannot do what God has called us to do without



His supernatural power. It is through the Holy Spirit that God comforts us, guides us, and empowers us.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, I ask You to fill me. I need Your presence in my life, guiding, directing, comforting, and counseling me. I know that You, Holy Spirit, are God in the Trinity with God the Father and the Son, Jesus. You are the Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, and Knowledge. Give me a holy fear of the Lord, helping me to be in awe of who God is and what God does. Work in me, Holy Spirit. I honor You and ask You to empower me with Your spiritual gifts for the good of the church.

5. The Table of Bread

The Word of God

In the Tabernacle, a table with twelve loaves of bread represented the importance of reading God's Word for daily sustenance.

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Joshua 1:8

God's Word is an incredible gift and a powerful tool, and it has great relevance and impact in our prayer life. Here is how you can incorporate God's Word into your prayer time:

- Take time to read and think about the Word
- Claim God's many great promises for your life and the world around you
- Ask Him for a fresh revelation of His Word
- Ask Him for a Word to help you as you go throughout your day

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for giving me Your Word. I commit to reading it, and I ask You to reveal Yourself to me through it. I want to know You more. Help me to grow more in love with Your Word and to be more dependent on it. I claim the promises You have for me, and I meditate on the truth of Your Word (pray any Scriptures that are on your heart or that God has given you in your current season). Give me fresh revelation from Your Word today and every day! I am hungry to see You more clearly through Your Word.

6. The Altar of Incense

Worship

A small altar of burning incense stood at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelled. The people of God entered God's presence as they



worshiped His Name. This altar represents worship and the pleasure it gives God when we worship Him.

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to Him and are safe."

Proverbs 18:10 (NLT)

Thank God for making His presence available to you. Praise His Name and worship Him personally and specifically for who He is and how He has moved in your life.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Your presence. I know that You are here with me. I worship You and You alone. I know God, that You are:

My Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:6

My Sanctifier - Leviticus 20:7-8

My Healer - Exodus 15:26

My Provider - Genesis 22:14

My Banner Of Victory - Exodus 17:15

My Peace - Judges 6:24

My Shepherd - Psalm 23:1

(As you pray through the different Names of God, focus on a few aspects of who He is that have been especially meaningful in your current season of life.) I know that You are always with me, God, and Your presence is life to me. You give me breath, joy, and purpose. I love you, God.

7. The Ark of the Covenant

Intercession

The final place in the Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelled. There, the priest interceded by praying on behalf of the people of God. In the same way, we intercede on behalf of those around us.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people—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 people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." 1

Timothy 2:1-4

We can make a difference when we spend time praying for others. Pray for those with whom you interact and connect, including:

- Those in authority leaders in church, government, family and workplace
- Your family both immediate and extended family members
- Your church pastors, Small Group leaders, members, and missionaries
- Your community people in your city, nation, and world
- Your relationships friends, co-workers, and acquaintances



Prayer:

Thank You, God, for creating a way through Jesus for me to have Your presence wherever I go. I want to specifically ask You to watch over those in authority over me — my spiritual leaders, the leaders of our government, the leaders in my family, and my employers (pray for these people by name). I ask that You give them wisdom and grace, watch over and protect them, and help them to know and love You more. I ask You, God, to be present with my family. Bless them and keep them from harm (pray for any specific needs in your family right now). For those in my family who don't know You, I ask that You meet them where they are and guide their hearts toward You. I ask You to watch over my church, God. Give my pastor wisdom and vision, and bless the Home Groups and everyone who steps foot into our buildings. I pray that You will bring the lost into our church and that they will have a positive experience and come to know You. Keep our vision rooted in who You are and moving toward Your goals. I ask You to watch over my city, my nation, and our world. Bring peace and help us all take steps toward You (name areas where you feel a burden for your city, nation, and the world). I pray for anyone who comes across my path to see Your light in me. I lift up my friends, neighbors, and coworkers. I thank You for them and pray for Your blessing over them (pray for any specific needs of others). Lastly God, I ask You to provide for my needs. I know that You sustain me and that You care for me. I lift up my physical, emotional, and spiritual needs to You (share the needs on your mind right now). I lay my cares at Your feet. Thank You for loving me, choosing me, and calling me Yours. Amen.

THE 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 is a helpful model of a prayer we can pray every day.

1. Blessing

Jabez begins his prayer by asking God for His blessing. We need more of God's blessing to be better equipped to make a difference for His Kingdom. We need more provision, more spiritual gifting, and more wisdom so that we can bless others with what God has given us. James 4:2-3 tells us, "You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." God wants to bless us, but He is often waiting for us to ask with the right heart. We have a big God, and we can be bold in asking for His blessing. As James points out, God sees our heart, and when we ask for blessing with the motivation not only to help ourselves but to help others, this gets His attention.



"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 staying focused on using what You've given me to serve other people.

2. Influence

Next, Jabez asks for more influence. As God's blessings increase in our lives, we ask for and experience greater opportunities to influence the world around us for Him. God has the power to bless us greatly, and He also has the power to open doors of opportunity for us to make a difference. We want to walk through doors that only He can open, and He responds when we specifically ask Him to give us more influence for His Name.

"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:

God, make me effective in my sphere of influence. Open new doors for me to be able to influence and reach even more people (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 territory to impact for Your glory.

3. Presence

To have lasting influence, we need God's presence in our lives. Through His power at work within us, God can do more than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). As we ask for blessing and influence, we also need to ask for His presence as Jabez did so that we are not operating out of our own strength but through the presence and the hand of our Almighty God.

"I et Your hand be with me..."



1 Chronicles 4:10

In humility, acknowledge your need for God's presence. Depend on Him and ask for more of Him in your life today.

Prayer:

Lord, I know that without You, I am nothing. I cannot do what You've called me to do on my own. I am desperate for Your presence in my life. 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. Thank You for being with me. I would never want to face today without You.

4. 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

Trust God to protect you. Tell Him specific areas where you feel the need for His protection and ask Him to cover 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. I pray, too, that You will 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.

WARFARE PRAYERS

Prayer is not only communion with God; it's also confrontation with the enemy. When Jesus was on the earth, He came face-to-face with the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness (see Matthew 4 and Luke 4). Every time the enemy tried to tempt Him, Jesus responded with a reference from the Bible. He used the Sword of Truth to defend Himself from the enemy's attacks. Consider that in these exchanges, Jesus didn't confront the devil as God. He confronted the devil as a man with the Word of God. We should do the same thing. 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.

1. The Armor of God

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17

Knowing that we're in a spiritual battle, God provides spiritual armor and equips us for the battles that come our way.

"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

Acknowledge that you're in a spiritual battle. Then, claim the protection God has given you by praying through the different pieces of armor described in Ephesians 6.

Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from You, and I declare that nothing can separate me from the love of Christ and the place I have in Your Kingdom. I wear Your righteousness today against all condemnation and corruption. Cover me with Your holiness and purity—defend me from all attacks against my heart. Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Expose the lies I have believed, and show me Your truth today. I choose to live for the Gospel in every moment. Show me where You are working and lead me to it. Give me the strength to walk daily with You. I believe that You are powerful against every lie and attack of the enemy and I receive and claim your power in my life. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me because You are with me. Holy Spirit, show me the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the traps of the enemy. Bring those Scriptures to mind today. Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with You in everything as my spirit communes with You in prayer throughout the day.



2. 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

You can command anything that comes against the truth of God and His Word to bow to the Name of Jesus. Take a bold stand, praying specifically and confidently through God's power and His Spirit.

Prayer:

Father, Your Word says that no weapon formed against me will prosper (ISAIAH 54:17), and I declare it in Jesus' Name. Your Word says that trouble will not arise a second time (NAHUM 1:9). I declare in Jesus' Name that satan cannot make trouble for me again as he has in the past. I declare in the Name of Jesus that all of these prayers are answered and taken care of by trusting You. I stand on Your Word. The enemy is driven out from me; from my home, workplace, church family, children, and loved ones. I declare that he is not able to stand against me. No weapon formed against me will prosper, because the Spirit of the Lord is with me, protecting me. I declare these truths in the Name of Jesus. Anything that comes against me or my family that is not in line with the truth and will of God, I command you to bow to the powerful Name of Jesus. Father God, I give You all of my thanksgiving, praise, glory, honor, and worship. Thank You for loving me, making me clean, and giving me purpose.

3. Protection Prayer

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. When we feel this way, we can immediately come to God in prayer, pouring out our hearts to Him and asking for and claiming protection for ourselves and our families in Jesus' Name.

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

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Share your thoughts and concerns with God. Ask Him for His supernatural protection. He says He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11). Claim this promise and lay everything down before Him trusting His good plans and His power to protect you and those you love.



Prayer:

God, I bow in worship to praise You. Thank You for making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus. I surrender myself completely in every area of my life to You. I submit myself to the true and living God and refuse any involvement of the enemy in my life. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I reject every thought that tries to compete against the knowledge of Christ. I pray and thank You for a sound mind, the mind of Christ. Today and every day I ask for protection over my family, friends, loved ones, and myself. I ask for protection during all of our travels. I ask You to watch over our financial security, possessions, health, and safety (be as specific here as you like). All that I have is Yours God, and I declare that satan cannot touch me or anything You have given me. I rebuke the enemy and tell him to bow to the blood of Jesus that covers me and my family. He will not take what You have given us and we are protected and provided for by You, God, and You alone.

4. Confession Prayer

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

Our sin separates us from God, yet Jesus made a way for us to be reunited with God by dying on the cross to cover our sins. When we accept the gift of salvation we confess our sin, and as Christians, confessing and repenting of sin is something we continue to do. By coming clean and repenting before God, He can work in our lives and transform us into His image.

"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

Assume a posture of humility, and without fear of condemnation or punishment, come sincerely to God confessing your sin regularly. Whether your sin feels big or small to you, your sin is still sin and affects your relationship with God. You get His attention when you tell Him your sin and turn from that sin to follow Him. After you confess, remind yourself and claim the power of the blood of Jesus in your life to wash you clean and make you new.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I confess all of my sins to You. I repent and turn away from them. I'm sorry for the wrong I have done. I confess the times I should have stepped up to do right and did nothing instead. I lay it all down at Your feet. I submit my thoughts, words, actions, and inactions to You. Thank You, God, for forgiving and making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus. Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God. You died on the cross for my sins and rose to life again on the third day. I confess all my sins and repent. I receive Your forgiveness and ask You to cleanse me



from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, setting me free, making me holy, and giving my life purpose.

5. Forgiveness Prayer

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

Forgiveness can feel challenging, yet God makes it clear in the Bible that He freely forgives us and we are expected to do the same for others.

"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

Come before the Lord with humility, honesty, and sincerity. Share the areas in your life where you need to forgive others. 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.

Prayer:

Lord, I have a confession to make. I haven't loved others well. I have resented certain people and have not forgiven them in my heart. God, I know that You have forgiven me for so much, and I need Your help to follow You and forgive others. In faith, I now forgive (name them). I also forgive and accept myself because You have made me new in the Name of Jesus.

6. Pride Prayer

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

The Bible tells us that pride comes before the fall. Pride can be a very real issue in our lives, but we have the power to overcome it through Jesus.

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."

Proverbs 11:2

Practicing humility requires overcoming pride in our lives. Just as you confess other sins, regularly confess your pride to God. Submit it to Him, asking Him to help you walk in humility, free of pride and self-absorption. If you feel like pride is an issue that continues to surface in your life, confess it daily and bring it before God.

Prayer:

Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I know pride only keeps me from You. I put down anything that would cause me to have pride in my heart in dealing with other people. Help me to prioritize others over myself. I ask you, God, to remind



me daily that true humility is not thinking less of myself, it's thinking of myself less. I humble myself before You and come to You like a child.

7. 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 earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; 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.

Prayer:

Father God, I understand that I have inherited certain consequences from my family. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I proclaim Your power to break any hold of mental or physical illness, pride, addiction, and anything else on me and my family that is a result of sin being passed down through parents, grandparents, or other family members (if specifics come to mind, talk to God about it). I proclaim that all generational sin ends here and now and that I will not pass these on to anyone in my family. Thank You, Lord, for setting me free and making a new way for me and my family.

8. 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

In faith, ask God for healing. Proclaim His power and goodness, believing and trusting Him to take care of you or those you're praying for to be healed.

Prayer:

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I come before You asking for healing (name yourself or someone you are praying to experience healing). My hope is in You as our healer. I believe You can do this. Your name is Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals, and I believe every knee will bow to You including the name of (name disease or disorder). Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross so that we can receive healing. You say that You forgive our sins and heal our diseases, and I praise You for this. Thank You that the spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us. I stand in faith believing in healing for (yourself or someone you're praying for). Nothing is impossible for You, God! Give us peace and direction as You work in our lives. In Jesus Name, Amen.

9. Marriage Prayer

Based on Ephesians 5:25-30

God created marriage, and His design for it is good. In marriage, just as in any human relationship, we have to work to love well. We can't do this successfully in our own power. We need God, who is love Himself, to give us His Holy Spirit and to guide us in our marriage. Marriage is a picture of Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church. As Christian husbands and wives, we have the high honor to represent the love and commitment Christ has for the Church through our love and commitment to each other.

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church."

Ephesians 5:25-30 (ESV)

Thank God for your marriage. Start by asking Him to help you be the best spouse you can be. Ask Him to help you love well and to see your spouse as He sees them. Then, pray for your marriage, asking God to use your marriage to impact the world for Him. Ask Him for protection physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Pray for unity in your



marriage and wisdom from Him about how to live your lives as one. Bring to Him anything in your marriage that concerns you, and trust Him to work on your behalf.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for loving us, and for creating marriage to be an illustration of Your love for us here on earth. Help me, God, to love my spouse (call them by name) the way You love me. Help me to listen to my spouse, give honor, and put my spouse before myself. Protect us physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We ask You to build greater unity between us, make us stronger as a couple, more devoted to one another, and You. Use us God, build us up to be an example of what Godly marriage can look like. Use us together to do more than we could ever do apart. We ask for greater influence and more impact on the people around us. We ask you to work through us in the lives of our friends, family, and even those far away. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and move through us to bring those far from You closer, so they can encounter the Living God, who seeks and saves the lost, and who sets us free and gives us purpose. We choose as a couple to love You first, God. We put our relationship with You before anything and everything else. We confess our need for You. Thank You for bringing us together. We choose to love one another today and every day. Thank You for our marriage. We ask You to bless it, build it, and be present in it always.

10. Salvation Prayer

Based on The Book of Romans

There may be people who have never asked Jesus to come into their lives - this is a huge step! When leading people in the prayer of Salvation it's important to know that they're asking Jesus to come into their hearts. By doing so, they believe:

- He died on the cross for their sins
- They confess their sins
- Choose to turn away (or repent) from their old life

A model for this process can be found in the Book of Romans which is known as the Romans Road:

ROMANS 3:10

There is no one who is righteous, not even one.

ROMANS 3:23

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

ROMANS 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us

ROMANS 6:23



For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:13

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died on the cross for me and that God raised you from the dead. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, for saving me and for answering my prayer.

*These prayer models were created by the Church of The Highlands. You can find these prayer models on their app called, **Pray First**. You can find this app on the Apple and Google Play stores.

