

A bouquet of tulips in a glass vase with driftwood against a brick wall. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with colors ranging from pale yellow to deep orange. The stems are green and are held together by a piece of light-colored, gnarled driftwood. The vase is clear glass and is partially filled with water. The background is a light-colored brick wall. The text "40 Days of Prayer" is overlaid on the image in a green, cursive font.

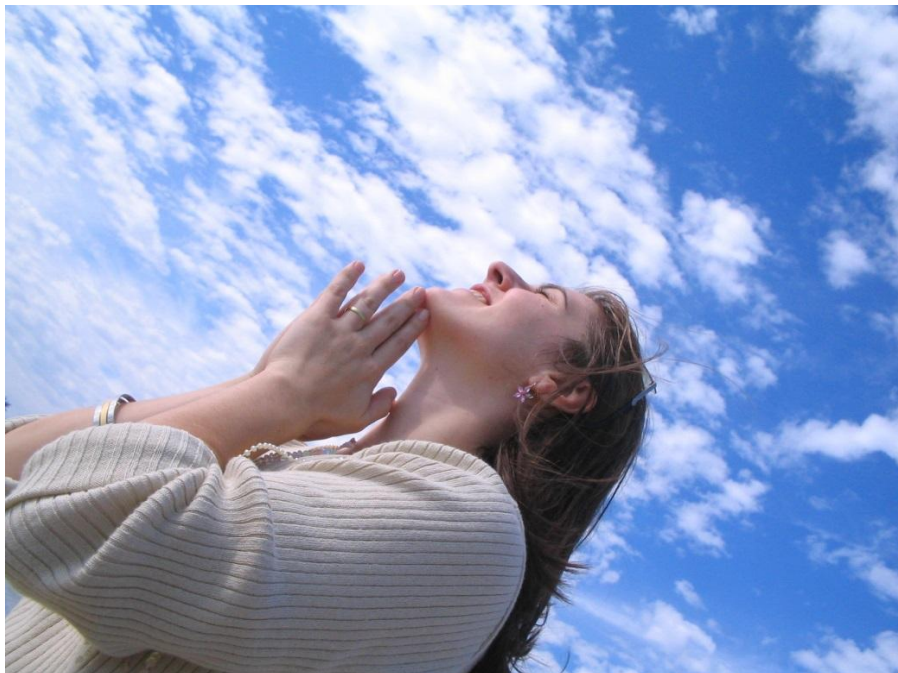
40 Days of Prayer

Bible verses linked topically and assembled

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Always start with praise



Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Praise be to the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!"

We praise the One Who is able to do more than all we ask or imagine.

May we desire to continually offer to God, through Jesus, a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess His name.

We give praise to You, O Lord, from everlasting to everlasting. For Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.

Sovereign Lord, You made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.

Who is like You—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.

[Ps 106:1, 48; Eph 3:20; Heb 13:15; 1 Chron 29:10-11; Jer 32:17; Ex 15:11; Ps 57:11]

Confession

You are the High and Holy One, the Creator and Sustainer of all things.

I humble myself before You, confessing my sin and the sin and rebellion of our nation.

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with all who love Him and obey His commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws. We have not listened to Your Word.

Lord, You are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame because of our unfaithfulness to You.

We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, may we be a people that bear Your Name.

Have mercy on us according to Your unfailing love, for I know our transgressions are many.

Against You and You only have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

We thank You that You have continued to extend Your grace and favor though we bear the guilt sin.

Create in us a pure heart that desires to serve and glorify You, Most High and Exalted God. May we fear You and walk in all Your ways.

May obedience accompany our confession of the gospel of Christ.

**"If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves and
the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just and will
forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.
If we claim we have not sinned,
we make him out to be a liar and
his word has no place in our lives."
[1 Jn 1:8-10]**



{Dn 9; Ps 51:1,3,4; 2 Chron 6:31; 2 Cor 9:13}

Prayer for Repentance



We praise Your goodness, God, and thank You for Your rich blessings upon our nation.

Hear, O Lord, our plea; listen to our cry. We call on You, O God, for You will answer; give ear to us and hear our prayer.

For great is Your love, higher than the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth.

No one is like You, O Lord; You are great, and Your name is mighty in power. Who should not revere You, O King of the nations? This is Your due.

Convict us of our sin and help us turn back toward You in humble repentance.

Restore us to Yourself, O Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old.

Let us examine our ways and test them and let us return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven and say we have sinned and rebelled against You.

May the wicked forsake our ways and the evil our impure thoughts. Let us turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on us.

Lead us toward repentance and the knowledge of truth.

**“if my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray and seek my face
and turn from their wicked ways,
then will I hear from heaven and will forgive
their sin and will heal their land.”**

[2 Chron 7:14]

[Ps 17:1,6; Ps 108:4-5; Jer 10:6-7a; Lam 5:21; Lam 3:40-41; Is 55:7; 1 Tm 2:25]

Praying our Forgiveness

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.

We thank You this day for the forgiveness of sins we have in Christ Jesus.

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are those whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

We acknowledge our sin to You for You have said that if we confess our transgressions You will forgive the guilt of our sin.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone who sins against us.

Open our eyes and turn us from darkness to light, from the power of satan to God, so that we may receive forgiveness of sins.

May we be merciful, just as our Heavenly Father is merciful.

And may we be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven us.



[Ps 115:1; Ps 32:1-2, 5; Lk 11:4; Ac 26:18; Lk 6:36; Eph 4:32]

A nation whose people is the Lord's



We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.

May we look to the Lord and His strength; seeking His face always.

I pray we will look for the Lord with all our heart and all our soul.

I pray that as a nation we will set our hearts and minds on things above, not on earthly things—that our lives will be hidden with Christ in God.

May we strive to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than ourselves.

And may we learn to do right; to seek justice; encourage the oppressed; defend the cause of the fatherless; and plead the case of the widow.

[Is 53:6a; 1 Chron 16:11; Dt 4:29; Col 3:2-3; Php 2:3; Is 1:17]

A Virtuous People

May we, get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Help us to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven us.

Let us not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one another, but love our neighbor as ourselves, for this is the Lord's will.

I pray we behave as a people belonging to God—holy and dearly loved, clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. That we bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances we may have against our neighbor. And over all these virtues may we put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Teach us, Lord, to flee from evil and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. May those without the Lord take hold of eternal life.

Give us the faith to truly live what we believe: that God has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Christ Jesus.

Guide us, Holy God, in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.



[Eph 4:31-32; Lv 19:18; Col 3:12-14; 1 Tm 6:11-12; 2 Pt 1:3; Ps 23:3]

For those who lead



Today, Lord, we pray for our nation's leadership—that they will lead in righteousness and lead in the fear of God.

We pray that they might seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness in all things.

It is our prayer that they will not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.

In everything may they be an example by doing what is good and live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.

May they lead with integrity of heart and skillful hands.

Bless those who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

We offer our praise to Jesus, Who is the Head over every power and authority.

[2 Sm 23:3; Mt 6:33; Heb 13:9; Tit 2:7, 12; Ps 78:72; Ps 106:3; Col 2:10]

Positional Prayer



Sovereign Lord; May those in government positions fear the Lord our God and serve Him only and take their oaths in His name.

In upholding the duties of each office, we pray they will faithfully obey Your commands—to love the Lord and to serve Him with all their heart and with all their soul.

We pray each person in government positions will seek the Lord while He may be found; that they will call on God while He is near.

By the authority granted by the Lord, we pray they will build others up, and not use their position for tearing them down.

May they be wise and serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Teach them that justice gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.

May they judge the poor with fairness, so their position will always be secure.

And now, to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

[Dt 6:13; Dt 11:13; Is 55:6; 2 Cor 13:10; Ps 2:10-11; Prv 29:4; Prv 29:14; Jude 1:25]

Petition for Church Leadership



And now, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

May these servants conduct themselves with the knowledge that each of us will give an account to God.

When they seek God, may they find Him, when they seek Him with all their heart.

Empower them to walk faithfully and with wholehearted devotion, doing what is good in Your eyes.

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loves us and by His grace gives us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage their hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

We pray the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, our glorious Father, may give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know You better.

And may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip each one with everything good for doing His will, working in them what is pleasing to God, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

[Dt 10:12; Rm 14:12; Jer 29:13; Is 38:3; 2 Thes 2:16-17; Eph 1:17; Heb 13:20-21]

Leadership To Come



May the future leaders of Christ's Church determine to serve faithfully and wholeheartedly in the fear of the Lord.

May they resolve to make it their aim to serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

We pray they will bow down to You alone and will serve You, God.

Place it upon their hearts to take pleasure in honest lips and value men who speak the truth.

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him.

May they put their hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

May they speak the very words of God and serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

[2 Chron 19:9; Ps 2:11; Ps 72:11; Prv 16:13; Lam 3:25; Ps 130:7-8; 1 Pt 4:11]

Our Community Heroes

Let's gather together in prayer today for the Emergency Responders in our communities—for the Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics, Search and Rescue Personnel, and the American Red Cross.



Let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.

May the man of God be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

We know full well, Lord, that it is not by might nor by power, but by Your Spirit that we are blessed.

Guard the course of the just and protect the way of Your faithful ones.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon them; establish the work of their hands—yes, establish the work of their hands.

[Ps 5:11; 2 Tm 3:17; Zec 4:6; Prv 2:8; Ps 90:17]

Pleading for Our Educators...of students of every age and venue



Instruct and teach our educators and administrators in the way they should go; counsel them and watch over them.

Let the word of Christ dwell in them richly as they teach and admonish with all wisdom.

We pray they will listen to You and would be wise, keeping their hearts on the right path.

May they walk before You and be blameless, for You are the Lord Almighty.

May they commit to the LORD whatever they do for their students.

We pray they will search Your Book for attaining wisdom; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, and doing what is right and just and fair.

May they guard what has been entrusted to their care; turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge.

May they not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time they will reap a harvest if they do not give up.

[Ps 32:8; Col 3:16a; Prv 23:19; Gn 17:1; Prv 16:3; Prv 1:3; 1 Tm 6:20; Gal 6:9]

Even Jesus intercedes for the Church



Prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Let us be an example for believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

May Christians be on guard; standing firm in the faith; people of courage and strength.

I pray we never forsake our First Love, Jesus Christ.

That we will be faithful, even to the point of death, and You will give us the crown of life.

Wake us up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for our deeds are incomplete in the sight of God.

You are coming soon. May we hold on to what we have, so that no one will take our crown.

May it not be said of us that we are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—or You may spit us out of Your mouth.

May those who are rich in this present world not be arrogant nor put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Empower us to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

[Eph 4:12-13; 1 Tm 4:12; 1 Thes 5:8; 1 Cor 16:13; Rv 2:4, 10; 3:2, 11, 16; 1 Tm 6:17-19; Rv 1:5-6]

A Prayer for our Armed Forces



The Lord our God is the one who goes before, to fight against our enemies and to give victory.

May those in uniform declare that God Most High, Who saves the upright in heart, is their Shield.

For You give them Your shield of victory. May Your right hand sustain them. Stoop down to make them great.

I pray they hasten and not delay to obey Your commands.

May they fight the good fight of the faith—taking hold of eternal life.

May they be peaceable and considerate—slandering no one, showing true humility toward all men.

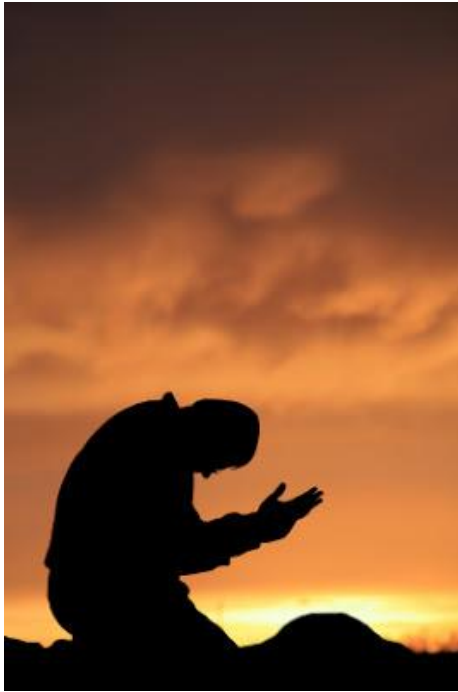
Spread your protection over them.

Grant them victory over our enemies and put our adversaries to shame.

Finally, I pray they will be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power—putting on the full armor of God.

[Dt 20:4; Ps 7:10; Ps 18:35; Ps 119:60; 1 Tm 6:12; Tit 3:2; Ps 5:11; Ps 44:7; Eph 6:10-11]

Systematic Prayer



(A few systems that might be in need of our prayers are: Judicial, Financial, Industrial, and Media.)

The Lord is righteous, He loves justice; upright men will see His face.

He has shown us what is good. The Lord requires we act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with Him.

We are in need of repentance and should turn to God, so that our sins may be wiped out, and times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand this fully.

In our judicial system, Lord, I pray the decision-makers do not show partiality in judging but will hear both small and great alike. I pray that they are not afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God.

Let the fear of the Lord be upon them to judge carefully, for with the Lord our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery.

May the executives in these areas of business understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Teach them that the Lord detests the way of the wicked but loves those who pursue righteousness.

From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children.

Instruct them in wisdom and righteousness and add to their learning.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

[Ps 11:7; Mic 6:8; Ac 3:19; Ps 106:3; Prv 28:5; Dt 1:17; 2 Chron 19:7; Prv 2:9; Prv 14:34; Prv 15:9; Ps 103:17; Prv 9:9; Ps 90:12]

Give us the heart of servants, Lord



Let the people say, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey Him."

Help us to consider what great things God has done for us and in response may we be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all our heart.

May the free not use their freedom to indulge the sinful nature; but rather, to serve one another in love.

May those that serve, serve wholeheartedly, as if serving the Lord, not men.

May those that serve be shepherds of God's flock, serving as overseers—not because they must, but because they are willing, as God wants; not greedy for money, but eager to serve.

[Jos 24:24; 1 Sm 12:24; Gal 5:13; Eph 6:7; 1 Pt 5:2]

Prayers for the American Heart



You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

May we have Your compassion to guide and lead others beside springs of Living Water.

I pray we will administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.

May we make every effort to live in harmony with one another; to be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

I pray our attitudes are the same as that of Christ Jesus.

May we be generous on every occasion, and may our generosity result in thanksgiving to God.

I pray we will genuinely strive to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

May we excel in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and love—and especially excel in the grace of giving.

[Ps 86:15; Is 49:10; Zec 7:9; 1 Pt 3:8; Php 2:5; 2 Cor 9:11; 1 Tm 6:18; 2 Cor 8:7]

Our Neighbor's Belief



Jesus has come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in Him should stay in darkness.

And now the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let them come; and whoever wishes, let them take the free gift of the water of life.

May all the ends of the earth turn to You and be saved; for You are God, and there is no other.

May the word of God spread and large numbers of people become obedient to the faith.

May more and more people believe Your promises and sing Your praise.

Let multitudes hear Your word and believe in Jesus, that they might receive eternal life and not be condemned.

Grant a belief that they might live by faith, not by sight.

For those that receive the word with joy when they hear it and believe, may they not fall away in the time of testing.

Let not faith rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power alone.

[Jn 12:46; Rv 22:17; Is 45:22; Ac 6:7; Ps 106:12; Jn 6:29; 2 Cor 5:7; Lk 8:13b; 1 Cor 2:5]

That they may be saved



But you, O God, bring salvation upon the earth.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

Salvation comes from the Lord.

He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

Your heavens above rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it.

May the unsaved obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

May they come to love the Truth and so be saved.

May all the earth proclaim Your salvation day after day.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

[Ps 74:12; Ac 4:12; Ps 98:2; Jnh 2:9; Heb 7:25; Is 45:8; 2 Tm 2:10; 1 Thes 2:10; 1 Chron 16:23; Ps 67:1-3]

Walking in the Light of our Lord



You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

There are those who rebel against the light, who do not know its ways or stay in its paths.

It is time for America to arise, shine, for Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide us.

Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on God.

Though once we were in darkness, now we are light in the Lord. Help us to live as children of light.

May we be gracious, compassionate, and righteous for then—even in darkness—light dawns for the upright.

I pray we spend ourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, that light may rise in darkness.

May we be vessels for Your light to shine and when others see our good deeds they will praise our Father in heaven.

Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

[2 Sm 22:29; Jb 24:13; Is 60:1; Ps 89:15; Is 5:20; Ps 43:3; Is 50:10; Eph 5:8; Ps 112:4; Is 58:10; Mt 5:16; Rm 13:12]

Benevolent Attitudes



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and blessed are we, Lord.

I pray our attitude would be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Those who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for *his* good, to build *him* up.

May we continually give generously, without a grudging heart; then the Lord our God will bless us in all our work and in everything we put our hands to.

I pray we will share our food with the poor, for a generous man will himself be blessed.

Like the Macedonian church, I pray we, too, would overflow with joy in rich generosity—giving as much as we are able and even beyond our ability.

May we live a life worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might, so that we may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father.

[Ps 33:12; Php 2:5; Rm 15:1-2; Dt 15:10; Prv 22:9; 2 Cor 8:2; Col 1:10-12]

A petition for our holy living

There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides You; there is no Rock like our God.

The Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone He wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men.

Make us a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

God, by His divine power, has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him.

Help each of us to learn to control our own body in a way that is holy and honorable.

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

I pray we get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the Word.

Let us not offer the parts of our body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer ourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of our body to God as instruments of righteousness.

Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

May we make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

In view of God's mercy, may we offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—as our spiritual act of worship.

O, that we would be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord.

I pray we will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Strengthen our hearts so that we will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones.



[1 Sm 2:2; Dn 4:17; Ex 19:6; 2 Pt 1:3; 1 Thes 4:4, 7; Jms 1:21; Rm 6:13; Rm 8:2; Heb 12:14; Rm 12:1; Is 62:12; 2 Tm 2:21; 1 Thes 3:13]

The World of Finance



It is time to seek the Lord until He comes and showers righteousness on us; to be about sowing righteousness and reaping the fruit of unfailing love.

We must turn from evil and do good; we must seek peace and pursue it.

Why continue to spend money on what is not bread, and our labor on what does not satisfy?

Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

Help us to be like the man who received the five talents and put his money to work and gained five more.

I pray we keep our lives free from the love of money and be content with what we have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

[Hos 10:12; 1 Pt 3:11; Is 55:2; Prv 13:11; Mt 25:16; Heb 13:5; 1 Tm 6:10]

A Global Mission



I pray we will praise You, O Lord, among the nations; may we sing praises to Your name.

May we declare Your glory among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations,
"The Lord reigns!"

Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior," that we may give thanks to Your holy name, that we may glory in Your praise.

O Lord, are You not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the world. Power and might are in Your hand, and no one can withstand You.

You make nations great, and destroy them; You enlarge nations, and disperse them.

Therefore, let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere You.

Use us to make Your ways known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

The Lord is the true God; He is the living God, the eternal King, I pray we proclaim that truth to the world.

May it be said of us, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

And let us not become weary in doing good.

Let us make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

I pray that we will be that light in the world for You, a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.

I pray that we will go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

That we will go to all nations, making disciples, baptizing people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

And may we stand firm in the faith, because we know that our brothers throughout the world are suffering.

A Prayer for Our Farmer's Crops



Send rain in its season, God, that the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit.

We pray that the farmer's strength will not be spent in vain because the soil will not yield its crops, nor the trees of the land yield their fruit.

Open the heavens, Lord, the storehouse of Your bounty, to send rain on our land in season and to bless all the work of our hands. May we lend to many nations but borrow from none.

May the Lord our God bless us in all our harvest and in all the work of our hands, that our joy may be complete.

Make us prosperous in all the work of our hands and in the fruit of our womb, the young of our livestock and the crops of our land. May You delight in us, Lord, and make us prosperous.

Give to us what is good, that this land will yield its harvest.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.

[Lv 26:4; Lv 26:20; Dt 28:12; Dt 16:15; Dt 30:9; Ps 85:12; Ps 115:1]

That we would be a people of God's Word



I pray Your people will not merely listen to Your word, and so deceive ourselves, but that we will do what it says.

For it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

All Your words are true; all Your righteous laws are eternal.

Blessed are they who keep Your statutes and seek You with all their heart.

May we hide Your word in our heart that we might not sin against You.

Turn our eyes away from worthless things; preserve our life according to Your word.

You are good, and what You do is good; teach us Your decrees.

Direct our footsteps according to Your word; let no sin rule over us.

Great peace have they who love Your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

May my cry come before You, O Lord; give us understanding according to Your word. May my supplication come before You; deliver us according to Your promise. May our lips overflow with praise, for You teach us Your decrees. May our tongues sing of Your word, for all Your commands are righteous. May Your hand be ready to help us as we choose Your precepts.

[Jms 1:22; Rm 1:16; Ps 119:89, 160, 2, 11, 37, 68, 133, 165, 169-173]

Wisdom for the Ages



Lord, You have told us that if anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Guide us in the way of wisdom and lead us along straight paths.

Give Your servant a discerning heart to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of Yours?

Send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide our nation's leaders.

May they be wise, and keep their heart on the right path.

May they accept Your words and store up Your commands within, turning their ear to wisdom and applying their heart to understanding, and if they call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if they look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then they will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from Your mouth comes knowledge and understanding. You hold victory in store for the upright, You are a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for You guard the course of the just and protect the way of Your faithful ones. Then they will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter their heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to their soul. Discretion will protect them, and understanding will guard them.

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows You, that the Lord exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these You delight.

[Jms 1:5-6; Prv 4:11; 1 Kg 3:9; Ps 43:3; Prv 23:19; Prv 2:1-11; Jer 9:23-24]

Infuse us with gratitude, Father



God said, "Let light shine out of darkness," and made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

We are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household.

So let's give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness and sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

Let's give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Let's give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men.

Let's glorify Him as God and give thanks to Him, lest our thinking became futile and our foolish hearts are darkened.

Give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, I pray we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.

For praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to You, our God, for ever and ever. Amen!

[2 Cor 4:6; Eph 2:19; Ps 7:17; Ps 107: 1,8; Rm 1:21; Eph 5:20; Col 3:17; Ps 106:47; Rv 7:12]

And now a prayer for Christians

I pray Christians will not conform to the pattern of this world, but would be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

I pray we will live a life worthy of the calling we have received.

Let us live as the new creations we are in Christ Jesus, for the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

I pray we will be strong and courageous, and do the work—not afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God is with us. He will not fail us or forsake us in our service of the Lord.

May we stand firm and hold to the teachings passed on to us.

May we saints have patient endurance and obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

I pray we learn to control our own body in a way that is holy and honorable.

Finally, may we be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.



[Rm 12:2; Eph 4:1; 1 Cor 5:17; Heb 12:1; 1 Chron 28:20;
1 Thes 2:15; Rev 14:12; 1 Thes 4:4; Eph 6:10]

The Christian, Part II—ten traits of a godly character



Let us not build on a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

I pray for Christians to uphold and live out the 10 godly character traits David listed in Psalm 15, Lord, so that we will never be shaken:

To walk blamelessly;
To do what is right;
To speak truth from the heart and have no slander on the tongue;
To do our neighbor no wrong;
To cast no slur on our fellowman;
To despise the vile;
To honor those who fear the Lord;
To keep oaths, even when it hurts;
To lend fairly;
And to not accept a bribe against the innocent.

[1 Cor 3:11; Ps 15]

Pleading for the Lost



Your people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their Resting Place.

They have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. They have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost.

Our Father in heaven is not willing that any should be lost.

You have promised, Lord, that You will tend the sheep and have them lie down. May those in Your fold search for the lost and bring back the strays so that You can bind up the injured and strengthen the weak and shepherd the flock with justice.

May we finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given us—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

For the gospel must be preached to all nations.

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith, from first to last.

By this gospel Your people are saved. May we hold firmly to the Word.

And go after the lost sheep until they are found.

[Jer 50:6; Ez 34:4; Ez 34:15-16; Ac 20:24; Mk 13:10;
Rm 1:17a; 1 Cor 15:2; Lk 15:4]

Protective Appeal



I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Gather Your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Cover us with Your feathers, for under Your wings we find refuge.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, surround Your people both now and forevermore.

Let all who take refuge in You be glad. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You. For surely, O Lord, You bless the righteous; You surround them with Your favor as with a shield.

Make our enemies turn their backs in flight and destroy our foes.

Rescue us from violent men.

Keep us safe and protect us, O Lord.

[Ps 18:1-3; Mt 23:37; Ps 91:4; Ps 125:2; Ps 5:11-12; Ps 18:40, 48; Ps 12:7]

Making our requests known



I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, the many good things He has done according to His compassion and many kindnesses.

The Lord hears our cry for mercy; the Lord accepts our prayers.

Jesus taught that we should always pray and not give up.

That we should watch and pray so that we will not fall into temptation—for the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

If we remain in Him and His words remain in us, we may ask whatever we wish, and it will be given.

But when we pray, let us not be like the hypocrites, to be seen by men.

I thank You, Spirit, for helping us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

Let us not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our requests to God.

We pray to You, O Lord, in the time of Your favor; in Your great love, O God, answer us.

[Is 63:7; Ps 6:9; Lk 18:1; Mk 14:38; 1 Jn 5:14;
Jn 15:7; Mt 6:5; Rm 8:26; Php 4:6; Ps 69:13]

A Great Nation To Bear His Name



I call on You, O God, for You will answer; give ear and hear our prayer.

Make us into a great nation and bless us.

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of Your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.

May we be a light of the world; a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.

Pour out Your Spirit upon us, and Your blessing on our descendants.

I pray we will keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.

Give to Your people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of sins, because of the tender mercy of our God.

May we be strong and courageous—not afraid or terrified, for the Lord our God goes with us; He will never leave nor forsake.

Let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

Help us to remain on guard; standing firm in the faith; men of courage; and to be strong.

[Ps 17:6; Gn 12:2; Ps 79:9; Mt 5:14; Is 44:3; 1 Tm 3:9;
Lk 1:77-78; Dt 31:6; 1 Thes 5:8; 1 Cor 16:13]

A Prayer for the Mind



Keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You.

Open our minds so we can understand the Scriptures.

Fix Your Word in our hearts and minds.

Help us to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Teach us to demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and to take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

The end of all things is near. Therefore let us be clear-minded and self-controlled so that we can pray.

And may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

[Is 26:3; Lk 24:45; Dt 11:18a; Col 3:2; 2 Cor 10:5; 1 Pt 4:7; Php 4:7]

Interceding for Elected Officials



May those elected know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Give Your servant a discerning heart to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of Yours?

May they be submissive and clothe themselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

I pray they will seek the Lord, do what He commands; seek righteousness, seek humility.

It is the Lord God they must follow, and Him they must revere. May they keep Your commands and obey You; serve You and hold fast to You.

And may You meet all their needs according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness; may they be peacemakers.

We pray that those elected will clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

And prepare their minds for action; to be self-controlled; setting their hope fully on the grace to be given when Jesus Christ is revealed.

[Prv 9:10; 1 Kg 3:9; 1 Pt 5:5; Zeph 2:3; Dt 13:4; Php 4:19; Jms 3:18; Col 3:12; 1 Pt 1:13]

Praying a united United States



Hear the supplication of your servants and of your people when we pray. Hear from heaven, Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

Build us into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

As a people, I pray we will show proper respect to everyone—love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor authority.

May we be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

May we enjoy a time of peace—being strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, growing in numbers of believers, and living in the fear of the Lord.

I pray we will live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

And whatever happens, that we will conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ—standing firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.

I appeal, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we will all agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among us and that we may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

I pray we live in harmony with one another; not proud, but willing to associate with people of low position, and not conceited.

That we will submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

And may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus.

[1 Kg 8:30; Ps 133:1; 1 Pt 2:5; 1 Pt 2:17; Php 2:2; Ac 9:31; 1 Pt 3:8; Php 1:27; 1 Cor 1:10; Rm 12:16; Eph 5:21; Rm 15:5]

Loving families and neighbors well

May the Lord direct our hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

May our attitudes be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

I pray we will listen to You and teach our children the fear of the Lord.

That we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.

May our children obey their parents in the Lord, for this is right.

I pray fathers will not exasperate their children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

That our husbands will be of but one wife and will manage their children and household well.

I pray husbands will fulfill their marital duty to their wives, and likewise wives to their husbands.

May our husbands love their wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

And I pray our wives submit to their husbands as to the Lord.

May we remember the teaching of our Lord; "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

I pray our families heed the instruction of the Lord that wives submit to their husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. That husbands will love their wives and not be harsh with them. And children will obey their parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

And this is my prayer: that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.

That we will live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

I pray we will love our neighbors as ourselves.

For this is the message heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

I pray we will obey the Lord's command: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

And let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Over every virtue, let us put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.



[2 Thes 3:5; Php 2:5; Ps 34:11; Ps 78:4; Eph 6:1; Eph 6:4; 1 Tm 3:12; 1 Cor 7:3;
Eph 5:25; Eph 5:22; Lk 6:18; Eph 5:25; Eph 5:22; Col 3:18-20;
Heb 10:24; Php 1:9; Eph 5:2; Gal 5:14; 1 Jn 3:11;
Jn 13:34; 1 Jn 3:18; Col 3:14]

To Trust and Obey



O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in You.

May those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

May we be obedient to not oppress anyone or commit robbery but give food to the hungry and provide clothing for the naked.

May the name of our Lord Jesus be glorified in us, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray we will faithfully obey Your commands—to love the Lord our God and to serve Him with all our heart and with all our soul.

Let us trust in the Lord and do good so that we may dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Let us hasten and not delay to obey Your commands.

May these words of mine, which I have prayed before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, that He may uphold the cause of His servant and the cause of His people according to each day's need.

[Ps 84:12; Ps 9:10; Ez 18:16; 2 Thes 1:12; Dt 11:13; Ps 37:3; Ps 119:60; 1 Kg 8:59]

Finally, Praise...Again...Often...Always



O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and obey His commands, let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer Your servant is praying before You day and night for Your servants. I confess the sins Your people, including myself and my father's house, have committed against You. We have acted very wickedly toward You. We have not obeyed Your commands.

In all that has happened to us, You have been just; You have acted faithfully, while we did wrong.

Blessed be Your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship You.

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are His. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him. I thank and praise You, O God of our fathers.

You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth.

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Let us always have hope and unite to praise You more and more.

[Neh 1:4-7; 9:33; 5b-6; Dn 2:20-23a; Ps 86:15; Rm 5:1-2; Ps 86:15; Ps 71:14]

And now...

*“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you before his glorious presence
without fault and with great joy—
to the only God our Savior be glory,
majesty, power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
before all ages, now and forevermore!
Amen.”*

[Jude 1:24]