

APPENDIX 4

PRAYER STRATEGY VERSES



Prepare to deeply engage in targeted prayer for the important people in your life, using these detailed, biblical plans and prescriptions. Keep them on hand so you can personalize and focus your praying at any moment, enabling you to watch God's answers come to life in response to specific requests. From praying for your family and church leadership, to praying for the lost and the spiritual condition of your city, you'll want to make regular appointments with God in these pages. Not only will you be surrounding your loved ones and others in prayer, but you'll experience Him in amazing new ways.

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PRAYING FOR YOUR WIFE (OR YOURSELF)



1. That she would love the Lord with all her heart, mind, soul, and strength. (Matt. 22:36–40)
2. Find her beauty and identity in Christ and reflect His character. (Prov. 31:30; 1 Pet. 3:1–3)
3. Love the Word of God and allow it to bloom her into Christlikeness. (Eph. 5:26)
4. Be gracious, speaking the truth in love and avoiding gossip. (Eph. 4:15, 29; 1 Tim. 3:11)
5. Respect you and submit to your leadership as unto the Lord. (Eph. 5:22–24; 1 Cor. 14:45)
6. Be grateful and find her contentment in Christ, not in circumstances. (Phil. 4:10–13)
7. Be hospitable and diligently serve others with Christlike joy. (Phil. 2:3–4)
8. Bring her family good and not evil all the days of her life. (Prov. 31:12; 1 Cor. 7:34)
9. Invite godly, older women to mentor her and help her grow. (Titus 2:3–4)
10. Not believe lies that would devalue her roles as a wife and mother. (Titus 2:5)
11. Be loving, patient, hard to offend, and quick to forgive. (Eph. 4:32; James 1:19)
12. Have her sexual needs met only by her husband, and to meet his. (1 Cor. 7:1–5)
13. Be devoted to prayer and effectively intercede for others. (Luke 2:37; Col. 4:2)
14. Guide her home and children in a diligent, Christlike way. (Prov. 31:27)
15. Provide no reason for her character to be slandered or to lose confidence. (1 Tim. 5:14)

PRAYING FOR YOUR HUSBAND (OR YOURSELF)



1. That he would love the Lord with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength. (Matt. 22:36–40)
2. Walk in integrity, keep his promises, and fulfill his commitments. (Pss. 15; 112:1–9)
3. Love you unconditionally and stay faithful to you. (1 Cor. 7:1–5; Eph. 5:25–33)
4. Be patient, kind, hard to offend, and quick to forgive. (Eph. 4:32; James 1:19)
5. Not get distracted or cower into passivity, but embrace responsibility. (Neh. 6:1–14)
6. Become a hard worker who faithfully provides for your family and children. (Prov. 6:6–11; 1 Tim. 5:8)
7. Be surrounded with wise friends and avoid foolish friends. (Prov. 13:20; 1 Cor. 15:33)
8. Use good judgment, pursue justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. (Mic. 6:8)
9. Depend upon God’s wisdom and strength rather than his own. (Prov. 3:5–6; James 1:5; Phil. 2:13)
10. Make choices based upon the fear of God, not the fear of man. (Ps. 34; Prov. 9:10; 29:25)
11. Become a strong spiritual leader with courage, wisdom, and conviction. (Josh. 1:1–10; 24:15)
12. Break free from any bondage, bad habit, or addiction that is holding him back. (John 8:31, 36; Rom. 6:1–19)
13. Find his identity and satisfaction in God rather than temporary things. (Ps. 37:4; 1 John 2:15–17)
14. Read the Word of God and allow it to guide his decisions. (Ps. 119:105; Matt. 7:24–27)
15. Be found faithful to God and leave a strong legacy for future generations. (John 17:4; 2 Tim. 4:6–8)

PRAYING FOR YOUR CHILDREN



1. That they would love the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. (Matt. 22:36–40)
2. Come to know Christ as Lord early in life. (2 Tim. 3:15)
3. Develop a hatred for evil, pride, hypocrisy, and sin. (Pss. 97:10; 38:18; Prov. 8:13)
4. Be protected from evil in each area of their lives: spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically. (John 10:10; 17:15; Rom. 12:9)
5. Be caught when they are guilty and receive the chastening of the Lord. (Ps. 119:71; Heb. 12:5–6)
6. Receive wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and discretion from the Lord. (Dan. 1:17, 20; Prov. 1:4; James 1:5)
7. Respect and submit to those in authority. (Rom. 13:1; Eph. 6:1–3; Heb. 13:17)
8. Be surrounded by the right kinds of friends and avoid wrong friends. (Prov. 1:10–16; 13:20)
9. Find a godly mate and raise godly children who will live for Christ. (Deut. 6; 2 Cor. 6:14–17)
10. Walk in sexual and moral purity throughout their lives. (1 Cor. 6:18–20)
11. Keep a clear conscience that remains tender before the Lord. (Acts 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:19; 4:1–2; Titus 1:15–16)
12. Not fear any evil but walk in the fear of the Lord. (Deut. 10:12; Ps. 23:4)
13. Be a blessing to your family, the church, and the cause of Christ in the world. (Matt. 28:18–20; Eph. 1:3; 4:29)
14. Be filled with the knowledge of God's will and fruitful in every good work. (Eph. 1:16–19; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:9)
15. Overflow with love, discern what is best, and be blameless until the day of Christ. (Phil. 1:9–10)

PRAYING FOR YOUR PASTOR OR MINISTER AT YOUR CHURCH



1. That he would love the Lord with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength. (Matt. 22:36–40)
2. Experience the filling and anointing of the Holy Spirit. (John 15:4–10; 1 John 2:20, 27)
3. Honor Christ in his heart, words, and actions. (Ps. 19:14; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Tim. 1:17; Heb. 5:4)
4. Be a loving, faithful, Christlike husband to his wife. (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:7)
5. Lead family and the church with wisdom, courage, and sensitivity that only the Holy Spirit can provide. (Mal. 4:6; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 1 Tim. 5:8)
6. Abide in Christ and be devoted to prayer, relying on God. (Acts 1:14; Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2)
7. Rightly divide the Word of truth and communicate the gospel with clarity. (1 Cor. 4:2; Eph. 6:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; 4:2)
8. Have a heart for the lost and be an effective and fruitful soul winner. (Mark 16:15; Luke 10:2; 1 Pet. 3:15)
9. Keep his priorities in line with the will of God. (Prov. 2:5–6; Phil. 2:14–15; Col. 1:10–12)
10. Walk in purity and be protected from the deceptive schemes of Satan. (Eph. 4:27; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Tim. 3:7; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8)
11. Create an atmosphere of unity and shared vision for the will of God within your church. (John 17:21; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:3)
12. Continue to discover new depths of understanding as a student of the Word. (2 Tim. 2:15)
13. Experience good health, rest, and refreshment from the Lord. (Exod. 33:14; Ps. 116:7; Matt. 11:28; Heb. 4:13a; 3 John 2)
14. Emulate the grace, strength, and compassion of the Good Shepherd toward all those he leads. (Lam. 3:32; Mark 6:34)
15. Exhibit love, comfort, and encouragement as he performs weddings, funerals, and counseling. (2 Cor. 1:3–4; 1 Thess. 5:14)

PRAYING FOR GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES OVER YOU



1. That they would be blessed, protected, and prosperous in their role. (3 John 2)
2. Submit to the authority and ways of God and His Word daily. (1 Pet. 2:13–17)
3. Come to the knowledge of Christ and surrender to His lordship. (1 Tim. 2:4)
4. Lead with honor, respect, wisdom, compassion, and godliness. (1 Tim. 2:2)
5. Use good judgment, pursue justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. (Mic. 6:8)
6. Walk in integrity, keep their promises, and fulfill their commitments. (Ps. 15; 112:1–9)
7. Not get distracted or cower into passivity, but embrace responsibility. (Neh. 6:1–14)
8. Watch over, protect, lead, and serve those in their care. (Heb. 13:17)
9. Respect all people without regard to their gender, race, religion, or social status. (1 Pet. 2:17)
10. Hate evil, pride, injustice, and turn away from Satan's lies and schemes. (1 Pet. 5:8)
11. Establish rules and laws that honor God's law and strengthen families and cities. (Deut. 10:13)
12. Reward those who do right and punish those who do wrong. (Rom. 13:1–5; 1 Pet. 2:14)
13. Refuse to take a bribe or allow favoritism in judgment. (Ps. 15)
14. Become hard workers who faithfully fulfill their duties. (Prov. 6:6–11; Luke 12:42–44)
15. Make choices based upon the fear of God, not the fear of man. (Ps. 34; Prov. 9:10; 29:25)
16. Be a godly example in their roles and responsibilities. (Josh. 24:15)

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW CHRIST



1. That God would connect them to genuine believers and the simplicity of the gospel. (Rom. 1:16; 1 Tim. 2:5–6)
2. Disconnect them from influences that are pulling them away from Christ. (John 7:47–52)
3. Expose the lies they've believed that have kept them from Christ. (2 Cor. 4:4)
4. Show mercy, bind Satan, and turn them from darkness to light so they may receive forgiveness of sins. (Luke 19:10; Acts 26:18)
5. Enlighten them to everything God extends toward those who believe. (Eph. 1:17–19)
6. Convict them of sin, God's coming judgment, and their need for a Savior. (John 3:18; 16:8–9; 1 Cor. 1:18; Eph. 2:1)
7. Grant them a repentant heart that turns fully to Christ. (2 Tim. 2:25–26; 2 Pet. 3:9)
8. Save them, change their hearts, and fill them with God's Spirit. (Ezek. 36:26; John 3:16; Eph. 5:18)
9. Help them be baptized and get plugged into a Bible-teaching church. (Matt. 28:18–20)
10. Grant them grace to repent of daily sins and walk in holiness. (2 Cor. 6:17; Eph. 5:15–18)
11. Grow them in Christ by helping them obey the Word of God as a disciple. (John 8:31–32)
12. Help them live with Christ as their hope and true source of peace and happiness. (John 4:10–14)
13. Deliver them from evil, the devil's traps and schemes, and any strongholds. (2 Cor. 10:4–5)
14. Help them abide in Christ and live according to His will. (John 15:1–17)
15. Find them faithful when they stand before God. (Matt. 25:21; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:7)

PRAYING FOR OTHER BELIEVERS (OR YOURSELF)



1. That they would fully surrender their lives to the lordship of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 10:9–10; 12:1–2)
2. Be baptized and stay in fellowship, service, worship, and growth at a Bible-teaching church. (Matt. 22:36–40; 28:18–20; Acts 2:38)
3. Learn to abide in Christ, be filled with His Spirit, and live according to His will. (John 15:1–17)
4. Grow in Christ and obey the Word of God as a disciple. (John 8:31–32)
5. Love the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. (Matt. 22:36–40; Luke 6:46–49)
6. Walk in love, kindness, and favor with the lost and believers around them. (Col. 4:5–6)
7. Find their identity and satisfaction in Christ rather than anything else. (Ps. 37:4; Eph. 1:3–14; 1 John 2:15–17)
8. Know the hope, riches, and power of their inheritance in Christ. (Eph. 1:18–19)
9. Be devoted to prayer in secret and corporately in the church. (Matthew 6:6; 18:19–20; Col. 4:3)
10. Repent of daily sins and walk in holiness before God. (2 Cor. 6:17; Eph. 5:15–18)
11. Break free from any bondage, stronghold, or addiction in their lives. (John 8:31, 36; Rom. 6:1–19, 2 Cor. 10:4–5)
12. Walk in integrity, keep their promises, and fulfill their commitments. (Ps. 15; 112:1–9)
13. Live with Christ as their hope and true source of peace and happiness. (John 4:10–14)
14. Share the gospel and faithfully make disciples of others in their lives. (Matt. 28:18–20)
15. Be found faithful when they stand before God. (Matt. 25:21; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:7)

PRAYING FOR LABORERS IN THE HARVEST



1. That God would open the eyes of believers and give them hearts of love and compassion for the lost. (Matt. 9:27–28; John 4:35; Rom. 5:5; 10:1)
2. Call out a new generation into ministry and service of God's kingdom. (Matt. 9:38)
3. Give them faith, courage, and initiative to obey God's call. (Mark 13:10–11)
4. Provide prayer, encouragement, and resources to undergird their work spiritually and financially. (Isa. 56:7; Phil. 4:18–19)
5. Help them serve in the power of God's Spirit and not in the flesh. (John 15:4–10; Gal. 5:16–25; 1 John 2:20, 27)
6. Help them represent Christ well in their words and actions. (Ps. 19:14; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Tim. 1:17)
7. Make them diligent, effective, and fruitful laborers. (Prov. 6:6–11; Mark 16:15; 1 Pet. 3:15)
8. Undergird them with the ongoing support and accountability to keep them effective. (2 Cor. 8:1–7; Heb. 3:13)
9. Lead them to abide in Christ and be devoted to prayer, relying on God. (Acts 1:14; Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2)
10. Grant them good health, rest, and refreshment from the Lord. (Exod. 33:14; Matt. 11:28; 3 John 2)
11. Bless them with strong marriages and families amid the hard work of ministry. (Eph. 5:22–6:4; 1 Tim. 3:4–5)
12. Empower them to effectively evangelize and make disciples of Christ. (Matt. 28:18–20)
13. Help them start churches and establish good leadership in each one. (Titus 1:5)
14. Use them as a catalyst of unity and revival wherever they go and serve. (2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 133)
15. Help them be found faithful when they stand before God. (Matt. 25:21; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:7)

PRAYING FOR YOUR CITY



1. That God would bless your city and make it a safe and prosperous place for families to freely live, grow, worship, and serve Him with their lives. (Psalm 122:6–9, 3 John 2)
2. Raise up strong pastors and healthy churches throughout the city to be a light and a spiritual force for good. (Matt. 5:16; Acts 16:4–5)
3. Open the eyes of believers with hearts of love and compassion for the lost. (Matt. 9:27–28; John 4:35; Rom. 5:5; 10:1)
4. Unite local pastors in prayer for one another and for revival and restoration in their city. (Col. 4:3; 2 Tim. 1:8)
5. Unite churches in prayer, the preaching of the Word, and in serving the needs of their city. (2 Tim. 4:1–3; Titus 3:14)
6. Give our leaders guidance and understanding, and help them fear God rather than man. (Deut. 10:12; James 1:5)
7. Replace poor, corrupt government leaders with strong, godly leaders who will honor God and serve the people wisely, justly, and unselfishly. (Ps. 101:7–8, Micah 6:8)
8. Shut down the corrupt businesses and organizations that are destroying the community with sinful products or practices. (Ps. 55:9–11)
9. Bring in strong, healthy businesses that will benefit families and the city. (Prov. 28:12)
10. Rebuke satanic influences and control over the city, and overcome any strongholds of the enemy with the gospel, prayer, and the blood of Jesus. (Eph. 6:12–20, Rev. 12:11)
11. Replace corrupt laws and standards with just and godly ones. (Deut. 16:19–20)
12. Strengthen the marriages, parenting, and families in the city. (Ps. 112:1–9; 128; Eph. 5:22–6:4)
13. Strengthen the law enforcement to protect the people and eliminate crime. (Rom. 13:1–5)
14. Pour out His Spirit and bring revival to the church and spiritual awakening to the city. (2 Chron. 7:14)