

## Prayers For All Seasons

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### Here are Prayers for Healing you can use today to speak life and hope into your situation

Are you facing a difficult disease, illness or malady and want to cry out to God for healing but don't know what to pray? If you feel scared, alone, unsure of the future, or don't understand how healing works, pray these words below, in faith today! Below are prayers for healing.

God tells us that through prayer He can speak to us and use us to work miracles for His glory. When you use this prayer for healing you are coming to God completely surrendered and expectant to let His Holy Spirit work in and through you. I pray that you will find miraculous healing as you seek God's plan for your life – His plan to prosper you and to give you a hope and future!

#### A Prayer for Personal Healing

God, you know me so well. You created me. You know the number of hairs on my head, and you even know the thoughts conceived in my heart before I ever vocalize them. You've told us to come to you and ask for every need of life. You are **Jehovah-Rapha**, the God who heals, and you have the final word on my destiny, the number of years I'll live and serve you on earth.

I'm coming to you today as your child, longing to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There's so much I don't understand about life. But I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me of my sins, cleanse me of my unrighteousness, and begin your healing from the inside out. I don't always know what your will is Lord, especially in times like now, when I desperately seek your face. I offer you no promises, no bargains, no deals to exchange for my health. I simply bow my heart before you to tell you the desire of my heart: that I want to spend as many years as I can loving you here, loving others, and wanting to become more like you. However you choose to accomplish that is up to you—and okay with me. If you use doctors to provide healing, give them wisdom to know what to do. Regardless of how you accomplish it, the healing you give is always miraculous. And you deserve all the praise.

I absolutely believe you have the power to heal. You demonstrated that on earth, and you still heal in miraculous ways today. Even when my faith is weak, you say it is enough, and my love for you is strong. And I know you already hold my heart and life in your hands. It's up to you. If I can bring you more glory through healing, then that's what I ask for. That's what I desire.

But if your answer is no, or not now, I know that your grace is sufficient for me. Ultimately, I want your will to be my will. I look forward to spending an eternity with you. But Lord, if you have planned still more for me to do here on this earth, I not only need and want your physical healing, Lord, but a thorough, deep-down cleansing and strengthening—a whole-hearted renewal of all that I am. Because all that I am is yours. Use this trial to strengthen me from a "what-if" faith to a "no-matter-what" faith. And no matter what, I choose to honor you and give you glory.

In Jesus's name, Amen.

~ Rebecca Barlow Jordan

#### A Short Prayer for Healing for Friends

Lord, your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration and I thank you for the miracles you still perform today. Today I claim those promises over my friend. I believe in the healing power of faith and prayer and I ask you to begin your mighty work in the life of my friend. Please reach down and surround my friend with supernatural peace and strength and give her the faith to believe that all things are possible for you. Protect her from Satan's lies and discouragement and let her miraculous healing begin. Amen.

## A Prayer for Healing and Grace

Dear God,

We confess our need for you today. We need your healing and your grace. We need hope restored. We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely. Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own. Forgive us for running all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help, when true help and healing must be found first in You. Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else. We come to you and bring you the places we are hurting. You see where no one else is able to fully see or understand. You know the pain we've carried. The burdens. The cares. You know where we need to be set free. We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place. Every wound. Every heartache. Thank you that you are Able to do far more than we could ever imagine. Thank you for your Mighty Power that acts on behalf of your children. We reach out to you, and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. Thank you that you will never waste our pain and suffering. We love you. We need you today.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

~ Debbie McDaniel

## A Prayer for Healing Sick Family and Friends

Lord Jesus, thank you that you love [name of person who needs healing]. I know that you hate what their illness is doing to them/me. I ask that you would heal this disease, that you would have compassion and bring healing from all sickness.

Your word says in Psalm 107:19-20 that when we call out to you the Eternal one you will give the order, heal and rescue us from certain death. In the Bible, I have read of miraculous healing and I believe that you still heal the same way today. I believe that there is no illness you cannot heal after all the bible tells of you raising people from the dead so I ask for your healing in this situation.

I also know from my experience of life on earth that not everyone is healed. If that happens here than keep my heart soft towards you, help me to understand your plan and help me to be excited about heaven.

God, I thank you that [name of person who needs healing] belongs to you and that you are in control of everything that happens from our first breath to our last sigh.

Amen.

~ Wendy van Eyck

**Have you ever needed supernatural strength to face a situation head-on, but not known what to pray? God is waiting and wants to offer us strength in time of need. Do not be afraid to pray and ask God for His strength to fall upon you! When you are weak, weary or unready to stand, and unsure of what to ask, pray along with these words!**

## A Prayer for Strength

Lord, I'm weary. My energy is sagging, and my motivation is lagging. And I am so in need of you. I need your strength and your fresh touch to get back on track again. Your Word says the joy of the Lord is my strength. If that's true, then I need your joy to replace all the bone-tired parts of my mind, body, and soul.

The pressures of life sometimes push me into a corner, rendering me helpless to move forward. A hundred voices call my name, and I feel paralyzed at times to answer, not knowing where to turn. Lord, help me not to quit, to keep running the race faithfully, and to find strength in that safe, secret place of yours, under the shadow of the Almighty.

I need your strength to say no when I'm tempted to surrender to harmful things, or when selfishness clings to my clothes and won't let go. I need your strength to say yes, when cowardice and fear nudge me to deny the convictions of my heart. I need your strength to reach out in love to those both close to me and all around me. When don't I need your strength, God?

You are my rock, and I run to you today, believing that you will lift up my heavy arms, that you will fuel me for the tasks you've given me, and that your joy will completely consume the weakness of my life and make me strong again. I don't want to stay grounded, crippled by limitations and failed attempts. I'm tired of feeble efforts. Lord, I want to mount up with wings like an eagle and not just fly. I want to soar.

Renew my strength, Lord. Fill me with your supernatural power to overcome each obstacle in my path. With my eyes on you, Lord, with you walking beside me, working through me, I can make it. Thank you, Lord!

In Jesus's name, Amen

## **This Prayer is for the Lonely at Heart to seek God at the Throne of Grace:**

Dear Father in Heaven,

I come before you today with a heart heavy with loneliness. I feel like there's no one who cares, no one with whom I can share the real me. I even feel alone in a crowd of people, like I'm the only one in the room. Will I ever feel like I belong somewhere? Will I ever feel connected to others? Will I always feel like an outsider?

Even as I pray these words I know I must confess that I've forgotten what I know to be true. I've forgotten that I am never alone. Because of Jesus' sacrificial death for me, I have become your child. You have adopted me into a forever family. I'm no longer an orphan wandering alone in the wilderness. Because of Jesus, I am part of a family that is as large as the number of stars in the sky. And as your child, I can come to you whenever I want. I have unlimited access to my Abba, my Father.

Forgive me also for trying to fill my loneliness with counterfeit gods, false substitutes, and temporary pleasures. Nothing and no person can fill the void in my heart that was made for you alone. Help me to seek you in my loneliness. Help me to find my comfort, not in things, but in the love Jesus secured for me at the cross. I know that you will never leave me or forsake me. Help me in my unbelief. Help what I know to be true to be what my heart lives out as truth.

I pray for others who are lonely that you would show them their need for Jesus, the only perfect Friend. Help them to know that he will never leave them, reject them, or turn away from them. I pray that you would use me to encourage the lonely with the love you've given me.

Help me also to do the things I don't feel like doing – becoming a part of a community of believers, participating and using my gifts, encouraging others, serving and giving of myself. These are all hard to do when I feel this weight of loneliness. But then I remember Jesus and how everyone left him alone in his final hour. And how you had to turn your back on him when my sin was placed on him. That was true loneliness and because of Jesus, I will never have to feel that separation that he experienced. May his great love for me propel me to love and serve and join, even when I am hurt, alone, and wounded.

Give me gospel joy even in my aloneness. Blanket me with your grace and loving kindness to ward off the chill of rejection and loss of friends and family. Help me to feel your presence and trust that you are always with me. May this season of loneliness draw me ever closer to you. Because of Jesus I pray, Amen.

We are promised in God's Word that he is faithful and will protect us (**2 Thessalonians 3:3**). God wants us to let go of fear and to live life to the fullest! (**John 10:10**)

## **Prayer for Personal Protection**

Father, I come to You today, bowing in my heart, asking for protection from the evil one. Lord, we are assailed moment by moment with images on television, the internet, books and newspapers that leave us vulnerable to sin of every kind. Surround us with Your divine hedge of protection. Encompass us round about with Your strength and Your might. Let all who take refuge in You be glad, let them ever sing for joy. And may You shelter us, that those who love Your name may exult in You. For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him favor as with a shield. (**Psalm 5:11-12**)

Lord, I ask that You protect our minds. Father, the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. (**Romans 8:6**) O God, set our minds on You. Let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what Your will is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (**Romans 12:2**) Help us by the power of Your Spirit to think on whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, let our minds dwell on these things. (**Philippians 4:8**) Strengthen us in the power of Your might, O God. Dress us in Your armor so that we can stand firm against the schemes of the devil. We know that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:10-12**)

You are our keeper, O Lord, the shade on our right hand. Protect us from all evil and keep our soul. Guard our going out and our coming in. From this time and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen. – by Lynn Cooke

## Prayer for the Protection and Safety of Family

Lord, I pray Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection over my kids (grandkids). Keep evil far from them, and help them to trust You as their refuge and strength. I pray You will guard their minds from harmful instruction, and grant them discernment to recognize truth. I pray You will make them strong and courageous in the presence of danger, recognizing that You have overcome and will set right all injustice and wrong one day. Help them to find rest in Your shadow, as they live in the spiritual shelter You provide for them. Let them know that the only safe place is in Jesus, and that their home on earth is only temporary. - *Ryan Duncan, Culture Editor at Crosswalk.com*

## Prayer for Children's Security

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will develop an eternal perspective and purpose, not an earthly one. Help them to see life—and every challenge—through Your eyes, eager and unafraid to share with others the good news of Jesus wherever they go. I pray that they will set their minds on things above, not just what's going on here, and that they will be rooted and grounded in Your love. I pray they will come to understand the extent of Your own love for them—that it surpasses all the head knowledge they will acquire in school. I pray they will be filled up with You from morning 'til night. – *Rebecca Barlow Jordan*

## "St. Patrick's Breastplate" Protective Prayer:

Celtic monks used it to start their day. The hymn was several stanzas long, and the last two stanzas were especially memorable and moving:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.  
I bind unto myself the Name,  
**The strong Name of the Trinity;**  
By invocation of the same.  
The Three in One, and One in Three,  
Of Whom all nature hath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

## "Priestly Blessings" Prayer from Scripture:

>**Numbers 6:22-27** is known as the "Priestly Blessing" or sometimes the "Aaronic Benediction." There are seven requests made in this prayer.

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 'The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.'" "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

1. The Lord bless you...

The word "bless" means to "provide favor or benefit." Father, we pray that for our children. You are the Eternal God. Please place Your great kindness and advantage on those we love. May they be approved and favored by You.

2. and keep you...

The Hebrew word "keep" means to "watch, guard, defend." This is a prayer for protection. Father, my children are not perfect. They are going to make mistakes. But please watch over them and guard them again mistakes

of youth that are unalterable. Please defend them against temptation. Protect them against Satan who desires to devour them.

3. the LORD make his face shine upon you...

This is a request for God's presence. Father, as a parent I know that I can't be with my children all the time, but You can. Just like they feel the warmth of the sun shining on them, please allow them to experience Your presence. Thank You for being with them wherever they go.

4. and be gracious to you...

Grace is God's undeserved favor. He gives us what we don't deserve. Father, thank You for Your gift of grace. I pray that gift to be poured out on my children. Following that great gift of salvation, please show them your kindness and love in all the endeavors of their lives.

5. the Lord turn his face toward you...

Here is a request for God's fellowship. Father, thank You, that because of their trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in my children. Please walk with them in a powerful way. Enable them to submit to the Spirit's control day by day and moment by moment.

6. and give you peace.

The Hebrew word for peace used here is "shalom." It means "completeness, wholeness, and contentment." Lord, please calm my children's fears; soothe their anxious souls. Keep them complete and whole in their thinking, emotions, desires, and actions.

7. So they will put my name on \_\_\_\_\_ (the name of your child/children).

This is a request of identification. Lord, please place Your holy mark on my children. Set them apart to be used by You. I love them but You love them more. You love them with an everlasting love. May they represent You well on their earthly journey. And when their journey is completed, welcome them home to live forever with You.

*(notes by Ron Moore, The Journey)*

## Morning Prayers

1. "Lord, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience. And finally, help me to rest in the truth of [Psalm 86:13](#).

**'Great is your love toward me.'** You already see the ways I will fall short and mess up. But right now, I consciously tuck Your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart. I recognize Your love for me is not based on my performance. You love me warts and all. That's amazing. But what's most amazing is that the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to sit with You like this. Amen."

- Lysa Terkeurst

2. Dear God, Thank you for another day. Please watch over my family and friends. Thank you. Amen.

3. "Dear Lord, I don't know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that You are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to You today. Teach me how to stand strong in You and choose only Your way today. Help me walk by Your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see You at work and as an opportunity to point others to You. Thank You that You love me and nothing can ever take that away from me! Even if I fail today and fall short, You whisper Your unconditional love deep into my soul and remind me that Your mercies are new every morning. That truly amazes me, Lord. Thank You for meeting with me today. Would You wake me again tomorrow with the same sweet whisper of Your love? I can't wait to meet with You again. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

- Wendy Blight

4. Lord, give me strength in my weakness; Give me Faith in my Fear; Give me power in my powerlessness. I am trusting in you. Amen

5. "Lord, grant me tenacious winsome courage as I go through this day. When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep going. Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way. And give me courage to do whatever needs to be done. In Jesus' name, Amen." - Dr. Ray Pritchard

6. "Father, my heart is heavy. I feel like I have to carry the burden alone. Words like overwhelmed, distraught, exhausted seem to describe where I am. I am not sure how to let you carry my heavy load, so please show me how. Take it from me. Let me rest and be refreshed so that my heart won't be so heavy in the morning. In Jesus' name. Amen." - Ron Moore

***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus."*** ***Philippians 4:6-7***

7. "Dear Lord, help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

- Traci Miles

***"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*** ***James 1:5***

8. God, please enlighten my mind with truth; Inflame my will with courage; Enrich my life with service; Pardon what I have been; Sanctify what I am; and Order what I will be. Amen.

9. 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.'" **1 Chronicles 4:10**

10. *"I got up early one morning And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish That I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me, And heavier came each task;  
'Why doesn't God help me?' I wondered. He answered, 'You didn't ask.'  
I wanted to see joy and beauty But the day toiled on gray and bleak  
I wondered why God didn't show me He said, 'But you didn't seek',  
I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys in the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided, 'My child, you didn't knock.'  
I woke up early this morning, And paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish That I had to take time to pray."*

-Author Unknown

## Good Night Prayers

### The Prayer of Jabez – 5 Inspiring Lessons

Scripture has many examples of prayers that teach us to depend on God and call upon Him.

The prayer of Jabez is very inspiring and challenging for how we approach God with our requests. 2

Timothy 3:16-17 tells us that “ALL Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” Jabez was not using prayer as a formula to get something from God, rather He was calling upon God to help him accomplish the promises of God! Let’s dive in and see how this Old Testament prayer can be applied today as we seek God’s provision and leading in our lives.

The Prayer of Jabez, 1

Chronicles 4:10 : “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.”

#### Five Lessons Jabez Teaches Us When Asking of God

1. The very first thing Scripture tells us about Jabez is that he cried to the God of Israel. Jabez states God's lordship and headship over his life. **When you pray, begin by acknowledging who God is!**

2. *“That you would bless me”* Jabez not only recognizes God as the one and only true God, he also acknowledges that blessings come from God alone. Are you chasing broken promises and blessings that the world tries to entice you with? Are you striving toward prosperity on your own strength? **When you pray, do it with a heart fully invested in the blessings of God.**

3. *“that you would multiply my territory”* – Many think that Jabez is simply referring to physical land when asking to multiply territory. However, if we look at the lineage of Jabez we can understand that he is not merely speaking in terms of wealth and prosperity but in terms of impacting the kingdom of God. He wanted his spiritual territory to increase, to claim generations for the Lord of Israel. Do you need to claim or reclaim some of the land Satan has taken from you? **When you pray, ask God to multiply your territory and to do more through you!**

4. *“your hand be with me”* – Jabez wanted God to be in every moment of his day. He understood the power of God's hand to protect and to lead in the right direction. Blessings will become curses if it is not God's hand providing and guiding. **When you pray, request more than blessings and provision but that God's hand would lead you through any circumstances and trials that come your way. THAT is the greatest blessing.**

5. *“keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain”* The name Jabez literally means “born with pain”. His own mother **named him this because of the pain she endured in labor!** When Jabez prays, he speaks against the testimony of his name and lets go of the shame it covered him in. **When you pray, come to God vulnerable and ready for Him to turn your weakness into His glory.**

#### Short Prayer for Difficult Times

Lord God. I am at a loss for words. I'm not sure how to pray for this difficult situation but I know You promise that You hear our prayers, so I want to try praying now.

Please be our comfort, our support, our strength and our shield. Please help us overcome all that the enemy tries to throw our way. Help us depend on You and find great joy and peace from Your presence. Thank You for always loving us and never leaving us. I Jesus name I pray. Amen.

#### Short Prayer for Peace

Father God, my heart is filled with chaos and confusion. I feel as if I am drowning in my circumstances and my heart is filled with fear and confusion. I really need the strength and peace that only You can give. Right now, I choose to rest in You. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen. ~ *Mary Southerland.*

#### Short Prayer for the Broken-Hearted

Lord, my heart is broken but You are near. My spirit is crushed, but You are my rescuer. Your Word is my hope. It revives me and comforts me in especially now. My soul faints, but you are the breath of life within me. You are my help, the One who sustains me. I am weak but You are strong. You bless those who mourn, and I trust You to bless me and my family with all that we need. You will rescue me from this dark cloud of despair because You delight in me. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Jennifer White*

### **Short Prayer for Perseverance**

Holy Lord, Thank You for grace. Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Gwen Smith*

### **Short Prayer for Self Control**

Father, today I ask forgiveness of all the negative and harmful words I have spoken about myself. I do not want to abuse myself in such a way again. Transform my thoughts and let me understand how marvelously you made me. Change my habits so I use my tongue to speak hope and favor upon my life. In Jesus' name, Amen. ~ *Sarah Coleman*

### **Short Prayer for Your Children**

Lord, I release my children to your care and protection. I relinquish my will for them in favor of Your will. I know I can't go everywhere my child goes, but I know You do. Please protect them. Give us wisdom for how to parent well. Give us peace in Your goodness toward our children and Your love for us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **Short Prayer for Loving Like Jesus**

Father, I have to thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Mary Southerland*

### **Short Prayer for God's Direction**

Lord, help me not to lean on my own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Sharon Glasgow*

### **Short Prayer for When You Feel Unworthy**

Lord, thank you that in Christ I am chosen, holy and dearly loved. When I am tempted to measure myself according to the world's standards or my foolish comparisons, help me recognize Satan's lies, refuse his temptations and rely on Your truth about me instead. In Jesus' Name. Amen

### **Short Prayer For Worry**

Father, I am tempted to worry about so many things. Our world is a mess! Forgive me for focusing on anything or anyone but You. Thank You for the **Bible** that equips and empowers me to live each day. Right now, I declare that You are my only Hope. Please help me remember that You really are in control. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Mary Southerland*

### **Short Prayer for God's Strength**

Lord, thank you for your greatness. Thank you that when I am weak, you are strong. Lord, the Devil is scheming and I know he desires to keep me from spending time with you. Don't let him win! Give me a measure of your strength so that I might not give into discouragement, deception and doubt! Help me honor you in all my ways. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Debbie Przybylski*

### **Short Prayer for Control of Tongue**

Lord I know my tongue often gets ahead of my mind and heart. I am quick to speak and I repent to the many thoughtless things I have spoken. I am sorry for words I have spoken in anger or in gossip. Please help me to see when I am about to speak without thinking and to check my heart. Help me be slow to speak. Help me Lord to be a person full of loving words, full of your Spirit, overflowing with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self control. Amen

### **Short Prayer When Feeling Inadequate**

Dear Lord, Thank You for fearfully and wonderfully creating each of us. Thank You for giving us worth in Your eyes. Help us live as the one You uniquely intended us to be. Help us abide instead of strive, living peacefully and joyfully as heirs to Your Kingdom and co-heirs with Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Julie Sunne*

### **Short Prayer for Being Grateful**

Father, I am so sorry for the way I complain about my circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when things don't go my way. I want to see Your hand in every part of every day – good or bad. Help me learn how to face every storm with confidence, knowing that You really are in control even though I cannot hear Your voice or see Your hand at work. In Jesus Name, Amen. ~ *Mary Southerland*

### **Prayer of God's Provision**

Dear Father God, Thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high. Thank You for Scripture that comforts and reminds me of Your promises, plan, and provision. Thank you for taking away my fears and worries, the what-ifs, and reminding me that my help comes from You. Help me be a good steward and to sow wisely. In Christ's Name, Amen. ~ *Renee Davis*

### **Short Prayer for Growing Faith**

Dear Lord, help me - every single morning - to find faith in the midst of the chaos. Give me the desire and ability to see You, hear You, talk to You, and give thanks to You. And as I do, I pray that I will draw nearer and nearer to You, and that my faith will multiply exponentially as I understand in new, deeper ways that You are everything I ever hoped You would be. And so much more. Amen. ~ *Kelly O'Dell Stanley*

### **Short Prayer for Confidence**

Lord, help me let go of my fear of failure. I know Satan wants to use my fears to hold me back from living boldly for You. Forgive me for not living in faith, and help me from this moment on to live with bold confidence in You. Lord, help me not compare myself to others around me. I pray instead that I can keep my eye on You and live a life that proclaims Your excellence. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen. ~ *Rick Warren*

### **Short Prayer for a Heavy Heart**

Lord, I want to lay before you all that weighs heavy on my heart. Reveal even the sin I am not aware of, Lord. I lay these at your feet and pray your forgiveness on me. I believe you when you say that you wash us whiter than snow. Thank you Lord for your unending love for me! Help me start fresh right now to make choices that honor you. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Rick Warren*

### **Short Prayer for Hope and Trust**

Father, sometimes it does feel that you have left us in the battle. We know that you are with us, but so are our feelings of being alone. The Enemy seems to be taking ground. Our crying out to you seems to go unanswered. We know you are at work, but help us trust you in the midst of our questions. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Ron Moore*

### **Short Prayer for Thankfulness**

God, sometimes life gets me down and I find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Open my eyes to see the gifts you've given me in my life. I'm going to start by thanking you for loving me enough to come to earth and die so we can live together forever. Amen. ~ *Wendy van Eyck*

## Short Prayer for Restored Relationships

Father God, open my eyes to see the ways I'm like **Cain**. What conflicts am I allowing to brew in my family? What anger is bubbling into murderous rage in my relationships? Thank You for the clarity to see how hatred kills relationships. I choose instead the way of love. Love protects. Help me to protect those I love by loving them. Your way is always best, Father. I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *James MacDonald*

## A Prayer for When You Want to Give Up

*Father, I confess my fears to You. Help me overcome them by trusting in Your presence and power that You make available in every task. Help me worry less about happening on my end and focus more on admitting my weaknesses and submitting to Your plans. In Jesus' Name. Amen*

## The Lord's Prayer

**Matthew 6:9-13** - "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in **heaven**, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Luke 11:2-4** - "He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' "

## The Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

## Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with Him  
Forever and ever in the next.  
Amen.

## Shortened Version

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,  
the courage to change the things we can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.

## Sinner's Prayer

The sinners prayer is a Christian term for a prayer that is said when someone wants to repent of their sin, ask God for forgiveness and state belief in the life, death, and saving resurrection of Jesus Christ. **Romans 10:9-10** says that “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. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

Millions have come to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ through church services, friends, and family leading them in a salvation prayer. However it is not words in a prayer that save. Jesus Christ alone has the power to save through faith. J.D Greerer explains it well – “*It's not the prayer that saves; it's the repentance and faith behind the prayer that lays hold of salvation. My concern is that over-emphasizing the prayer has often (though unintentionally) obscured the primary instruments for laying hold of salvation: repentance and faith.*” The four examples below of the sinners prayer can help you communicate with God that you repent of your sin, accept His forgiveness, and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

### The Sinner's Prayer (by Dr. Ray Pritchard)

*Lord Jesus, for too long I've kept you out of my life. I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. No longer will I close the door when I hear you knocking. By faith I gratefully receive your gift of salvation. I am ready to trust you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe your words are true. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Savior. Amen.*

### Sinner's Prayer From Scripture – (Psalm 51, King David)

“Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your unfailing love;  
according to Your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
Against You, You only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You are proved right when You speak  
and justified when You judge.  
Surely I have been a sinner from birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me...  
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me and I will be whiter than snow...  
Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from Your presence  
or take Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.  
Then will I teach transgressors Your ways,  
and sinners will turn back to You.

## **The Sinners Prayer (by John Barnett)**

*Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and there is nothing that I can do to save myself. I confess my complete helplessness to forgive my own sin or to work my way to heaven. At this moment I trust Christ alone as the One who bore my sin when He died on the cross. I believe that He did all that will ever be necessary for me to stand in your holy presence. I thank you that Christ was raised from the dead as a guarantee of my own resurrection. As best as I can, I now transfer my trust to Him. I am grateful that He has promised to receive me despite my many sins and failures. Father, I take you at your word. I thank you that I can face death now that you are my Savior. Thank you for the assurance that you will walk with me through the deep valley. Thank you for hearing this prayer. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

## **Dear God:**

I need You. I am humbly calling out to You. I am tired of doing things my way. Help me to start doing things Your way. I invite You into my life to be My Lord and Savior. Fill the emptiness in me with Your Holy Spirit and make me whole. Lord, help me to trust You, Help me to love You, Help me to live for You, Help me to understand Your grace, Your mercy, and Your peace. Thank you Lord. Amen

## **Prayer for Forgiveness**

Whether we are seeking forgiveness for our own sins or asking God to help us forgive others, prayer is the first place to start when seeking restoration and healing. The below prayers can help guide your thoughts and words as you seek being forgiven or help in forgiving others. It is a big step to seek out forgiveness and you have taken a bold step in faith!

## **Prayer to God for Forgiveness of Sins**

*Even while I encourage you to pray this prayer, I caution you that saying words alone will not save you. Prayer doesn't save. Only Christ can save. But prayer can be a means of reaching out to the Lord in true saving faith. If you pray these words in faith, Christ will save you. You can be sure of that.*

Lord Jesus, for too long I've kept you out of my life. I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. No longer will I close the door when I hear you knocking. By faith I gratefully receive your gift of salvation. I am ready to trust you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe your words are true. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Savior. Amen.- Dr Ray Pritchard

## **Prayer for Forgiving Others**

Dear Merciful Lord,

Thank you for your gift of forgiveness. Your only Son loved me enough to come to earth and experience the worst pain imaginable so I could be forgiven. Your mercy flows to me in spite of my faults and failures. Your Word says to "clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." (Col. 3:14) Help me demonstrate unconditional love today, even to those who hurt me.

I understand that even though I feel scarred, my emotions don't have to control my actions. Father, may Your sweet words saturate my mind and direct my thoughts. Help me release the hurt and begin to love as Jesus loves. I want to see my offender through my Savior's eyes. If I can be forgiven, so can he. I understand there are no levels to your love. We are all your children, and your desire is that none of us should perish.

You teach us to "let the peace that comes from Christ rule in our hearts." (Col. 3:15) When I forgive in words, allow your Holy Spirit to fill my heart with peace. I pray this peace that only comes from Jesus will rule in my heart, keeping out doubt and questions. And above all, I am thankful. Not just today, not just this week, but always. Thank you for the reminder, "Always be thankful." (Col. 3:15) With gratitude I can draw closer to you and let go of unforgiveness. With gratitude I can see the person who caused my pain as a child of the Most High God. Loved and accepted. Help me find the compassion that comes with true forgiveness.

And when I see the person who hurt me, bring this prayer back to my remembrance, so I can take any ungodly thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5) And may the confidence of Christ in my heart guide me into the freedom of forgiveness. I praise you for the work you are doing in my life, teaching and perfecting my faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- Kristine Brown

## **Short Prayer to Forgive Others**

Dear Lord, I thank You for the power of forgiveness, and I choose to forgive everyone who has hurt me. Help me set [name anyone who has offended you] free and release them to You **[Romans 12:19]**. Help me bless those who have hurt me **[Romans 12:14]**. Help me walk in righteousness, peace, and joy, demonstrating Your life here on earth. I choose to be kind and compassionate, forgiving others, just as You forgave me **[Ephesians 4:32]**. In Jesus' name, amen.

- Debbie Przybylski

## **Short Prayer to Forgive Yourself**

Father, today I ask forgiveness of all the negative and harmful words I have spoken about myself. I do not want to abuse myself in such a way again. Transform my thoughts and let me understand how marvelously you made me. Change my habits so I use my tongue to speak hope and favor upon my life. In Jesus' name.

- Sarah Coleman

## **Prayer for Guidance**

Throughout Scripture we are reminded of God's direction over our lives. He is our good Shepherd who leads us and He desires that we follow the path that leads to joy and contentment. When we pray for God's guidance and for discernment through the Holy Spirit, we can rest assured that God will provide wisdom! We do not have to worry about our next step or about tomorrow because we know who guides our way! Do not rush your day without going before God to seek guidance!

## **A Short Prayer for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your guidance. Forgive me for getting ahead of Your plans, and help me know when to stop and listen for Your direction. Your ways are perfect, Lord. Thank You for offering gentle grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- Kristine Brown

## **Prayer for Guidance from the Holy Spirit**

Lord, I pray you would move the Spirit more boldly in my life. I know that any sin can grieve and diminish the voice of the Spirit, and I pray against the temptation to sin. Help me crave your presence more than I crave sin. Help me grow in the **fruit of the Spirit** and so walk closer with Yourself. I pray for guidance from your Spirit- let your will and promises always be a meditation of my heart. In Jesus' Name, Amen

- Kenny Luck

## **A Prayer for Guidance When Life is Challenging**

Lord, I'm here today with open hands and an open heart, ready to depend on you to help me through the day and all it will bring my way. Help me be like Nehemiah, help me come to you for guidance, strength, provision and protection. As I face tough choices and hard situations, help me remember my belovedness, help me remember that I am Your child and Your representative to the world around me. Help me live today in a way that brings honor to Your holy name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- Charles Stanley

## Prayer for Guidance in the Day Ahead

Good morning, Lord! Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and give thanks, and I do, Lord. Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you want me to be.

Today I want to start the day with you on my mind and in my heart. As I dress, let me wear the armor you've provided daily: the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the belt of truth, the shoes of peace, and the sword of the spirit—with prayer on my tongue: praise for you and petitions for those around me and those I meet.

Feed me today with your daily bread. As the Bread of Life, your food, like manna, will sustain me throughout any trials and hungers. Help me to set my thoughts on things above and to speak only what will help and encourage others. Keep me from putting my foot in my mouth, and help me guard the affections of my heart today, Lord. Make whatever work I do be marked with excellence rather than perfectionism, as I seek not to make a name, but to make a difference. Help me to treat each person I encounter as you would, with respect and love, forgiving others and asking for forgiveness myself when needed.

As I start this day, help me remember that I belong to you, and my desire is to act accordingly. Keep my feet from stumbling and my mind from wandering into distractions that could steal precious time and energy from the most important things you have designed for me. I'm proud to be your child, Lord. And I'm so grateful that you died for me—rising again on your own new morning—so that every day could be filled with the wonder of your love, the freedom of your Spirit, and the joy of knowing you.

I know earthly life is short and fleeting, Lord. But I want to live today as if it were the first or the last day of my life, giving thanks for every good and perfect gift you choose to give. Today, and every day, I want to live my life for you, Jesus. In your precious name, Amen. - Rebecca Barlow Jordan

## A Prayer for Discernment and Wisdom When You Need God's Direction

Lord, thank You for the people You have divinely placed in my life who speak holy truth, love and words of wisdom. Give me a heart of discernment to know when You are using someone to speak instruction into my heart and my circumstances, and give me the strength and courage to follow through with that advice, even when it's hard. Fill me with peace in knowing that even if I take a wrong turn, Your purpose will prevail. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Tracie Miles

## Intercessory Prayer

*Have you ever felt an unexplained burden on your heart to pray for the masses, for unnamed others, for your community or the world at large? The Bible is filled with examples of men and women who lifted up others in prayer, and Ephesians 6:18 tells us to: 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.*

## What is Intercession and Intercessory Prayer?

The primary principle of intercession is simply to tell God what He tells us to tell Him as the means of releasing His power. He tells us what to pray in His Word. We can pray the Bible. It is profoundly simple. Intercession is God's brilliant strategy for including the saints in ruling with Him in power. Its mystery is in its weakness, simplicity, humility, and accessibility to all. God has chosen intercession as the primary means in which He releases His power now and forever. Jesus operated in the principle of intercession when He created the earth by speaking the Word to the Father (**Genesis 1**). He releases His power now and will rule the nations forever in partnership with His people through intercession.

- Intercession causes us to internalize God's Word and changes us.
- Intercession unites our heart to people and places we pray for.
- Intercession renews our hope and **faith**.
- Intercession imparts life (**John 6:63**).
- Intercession makes a long-term impact beyond this age (Rev. 5:8, 8:1-6).
- Intercession humbles us.
- Intercession changes the spiritual atmosphere of cities and nations.
- Intercession causes multiple blessings to return to the intercessor (**Luke 6:38**).

(Excerpt from **The Revelation of Intercession** by Debbie Przybylski)

## Example Intercessory Prayer

*Lord Jesus, I come to you today and thank you for the privilege of praying for others. I've been the recipient of others' prayers so often, I understand how powerful intercessory prayer can be. I ask you first to cleanse my heart and show me if there is any unconfessed sin in my own life so that my prayers for others will not be hindered. I thank you that through your name, I can come boldly before you and pray with confidence, according to your will and know that you hear me.*

*I lift up those in my neighborhood, in my city, and in my church. Begin with those who follow you, and help them influence others for good. Let them be salt and light, pointing others to you. Deepen their love for you and for the people around them. Guard them from hypocrisy or from giving in to temptations that could harm the cause of Christ. Raise up leaders who will serve you faithfully at all costs. Turn the hearts of fathers toward their children, and families toward you. Help them to exemplify your values, and make them bold in their faith. Strengthen my own family, and those closest to me, Lord. May our love for you help us to love and forgive others and make a difference in our world.*

*I pray for teachers, for students, and for **all those in authority and leadership, both locally and throughout the world**. Give them your mind, and surround them with godly counselors who will exercise integrity and work for justice, morality, and freedom. Help them to esteem you, not dismiss you. Send revival, Lord.*

*I pray for the lost, the hurting, the lonely, **the sick**, the bereaved, and those who are imprisoned—behind both visible and invisible walls. Send your comfort, **your peace**, and your calming presence to those who are without hope. Protect the defenseless, and hold them close to your heart. I pray for laborers to tell the good news of Jesus to people around our world. Jesus, my heart cries out for persecuted believers, too. Make them brave, and give them your powerful protection. I pray you will bring swift justice to those who want to destroy the innocent and those who carry your name. Bind the power of Satan, and strengthen believers everywhere. So many needs, Jesus, but you are adequate for every need. Your name is powerful, and your power is great. So it's in your name that I pray—and believe.*

## Prayer for the Sick

Jesus, you control all the parts of my body, and you know when they're not working at their best. Sickness leaves me stressed and steals time from all the things I want to be doing. I'm honest, Lord. I don't like to be sick. But times like this also make me rest in you, so I thank you for this chance simply to wait on you. I come to you today asking for your touch, Lord. Help me to be patient and allow you to do your work. If doctors are involved, give them wisdom, and thank you for providing the help I need, however you choose to provide. Whether this is a test, or simply a time to trust, I want my response to honor you.

As my Good Shepherd, I know you will lead me beside quiet places and restore my soul and body. I trust you and want to follow your leading. Help me to welcome this time not as an interruption in my carefully planned schedule, but as an opportunity to draw strength and nourishment for the journey ahead. You are my healer and my Great Physician. I look to you and give thanks for the promises in your Word that assure me of your presence and your help.

Teach me what you want me to learn during these unpleasant times, Lord. Help me not to take out my discomfort on those around me, and show me how to be a good patient while I'm recovering. In these days of sickness, Lord, I'm trusting you and asking you to make me well. And when you've restored my health, give me wisdom so I can treat my body as the temple of your Spirit. I'm eager to get back on my feet serving you, but I realize that even in sickness, I can still draw near to you.

## Irish Prayers and Blessings

### 1. Traditional Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm on your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
May God be with you and bless you,  
May you see your children's children.  
May you be poor misfortune,  
Rich in blessings,  
May you know nothing but happiness From this day forward.  
May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home,  
And may the hand of a friend always be near.  
May green be the grass you walk on,  
May blue be the sky above you,  
May pure be the joys that surround you,  
May true be the hearts that love you.

### 2. An Irish Gaelic Christening Blessing for Children

Dearest Father in **Heaven**,  
Bless this child and bless this day  
Of new beginnings.  
Smile upon this child  
And surround this child, Lord,  
With the soft mantle of your love.  
Teach this child to follow in your footsteps,  
And to live life in the ways of  
Love, faith, hope and charity.

### 3. A Simple Irish Prayer

May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.

### St. Theresa's Prayer:

May today there be peace within.  
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith  
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love  
that has been given to you  
May you be content knowing you are a child of God  
Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your  
soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love  
It is there for each and every one of you

### **Prayer of Confession:**

God the Father, we have made a mockery of worshiping You:

By allowing the sacred to become mundane By pretending to be people we are not...

By confessing You with our lips while our hearts are far from You.

God the Son, we have blood on our hands:

We have traded human life for the sake of our own comfort...

We have turned blind eyes to the hurts and needs around us...

We have, in essence, told You that the blood You shed was not enough.

God the Spirit, we have ignored Your presence in our lives:

Where You have called us to righteousness, we have chosen to view evil...

Where You have called us to do good, we have chosen selfishness...

Where You have called us seek justice, we have chosen safety...

Where You have called us to intercede for the voiceless, we have distrusted ourselves.

Triune God, we have sinned. We are guilty, and we are helpless.

Forgive us.

### **Prayer by Dr. Mary C. Neal, 7 Lessons from Heaven**

Almighty, loving, and eternal God,

Thank you for opening my eyes to heaven,

And to the truth that you are always good.

You open my eyes to your miracles, large and small,

You show me that I can trust you absolutely.

You comfort me that death is not to be feared, and that

Even in heartbreak and loss, beauty will blossom.

Now, keep me wide awake to the reality of heaven all around.

Renew my inner being so that I may live with joy,

Serve others, and show your glory on Earth.

Lead me and guide me on the path you have prepared.

May your will be done today and always.

Amen.