



Prayer Help

One person's prayers can make a difference. Let God search your heart so you can experience genuine repentance and revival. Let Him use your prayers to bring about spiritual awakening and be the instrument for delivering His grace.

God is looking for someone whose heart is completely His. He is inviting you to be that person. Read 2 Chronicles 16:9.

Here are some suggestions to get you started as you seek repentance and revival, and pray for those in your church, your community, and beyond.

Personal Repentance

- Ask the Lord to search your heart for any unknown and unconfessed sins (Psalm 19:12; 139:23-24).
- Ask God to bring you to a point of genuine repentance (Psalm 51; Isaiah 1:15-19; Matthew 4:17).
- Ask God to give you clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:3-4, 51:10, 12; Jeremiah 17:7-8, 29:12-13; 1 John 1:8-9).

Personal Revival

- Pray for the Lord to restore His joy in your heart through personal renewal (Psalm 1:1-3, 5:3, 8, 11:7, 15, 32:1-2, 51:12-13; Matthew 6:33).
- Pray that through repentance you will be revived and refreshed in God's Holy presence and that you will be equipped for every good work (Acts 3:19; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-24; Hebrews 4:14-16).
- Ask God to breathe His Spirit into your life (Ezekiel 37:11-14; Acts 1:8, 2:46-47; 2 Corinthians 2:14-17).

National Spiritual Awakening

- Pray for God's people to answer His call to pray for National Spiritual Awakening (2 Chronicles 7:14; 16:9; Jeremiah 29:7; Ezekiel 22:30; John 15:5, 7-8, 16).
- Pray that the gospel will spread swiftly across the nation (Acts 8:1,4; Colossians 1:13-14, 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 3:15).
- Pray that the multitudes of lost people will seek God so they may find Him (Isaiah 55:6-9; Acts 2:37-41, 46-47; John 3:14-16, 4:29-30, 39).

Here are additional tips on how to pray for specific groups and individuals:

How to pray for health care workers:

- Pray for the discernment to make the correct diagnosis and to look to God for His wisdom (Jer. 33:3; Jas. 1:5).
- Pray for compassionate hearts toward the hurting and for patience in dealing with the never ending needs of people (Luke 7:13, 10:33).
- Pray for a strong work ethic to do their best as unto the Lord (Col. 3:23-24).
- Pray for rest and relaxation from their work so they can stay fresh and alert when on duty (Mark 6:30-31).

How to Pray for Missionaries

The effectiveness of missionaries in the field often turns upon the people at home who pray for them. For more about this, read 2 Corinthians 1: 8-11.

- Pray that more people will follow a calling to go as missionaries (Matt. 9:37-38; 28:19-20).
- Pray for the missionary's relationship with God, that he or she will continue to grow spiritually and be inspired by the Word (Eph. 1:15-23; Phil. 1:9-11).
- Pray for the missionary's personal needs: health, safety, family relationships, and victory over discouragement and loneliness (Ps. 91:1-4, 11).
- Pray for clear communication of the gospel and boldness in witnessing (Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:4).
- Pray for the lost to hear the gospel, to repent, and believe in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10, 13; 2 Pet. 3:9).
- Pray for acceptance by coworkers and unity in the body of Christ (John 17:21; Rom. 15:31).
- Pray for the extension of his or her ministry and fruitfulness in spiritual endeavors (Col. 4:2-3; 2 Thess. 3:1).

How to Pray for Missionaries During a Crisis

- Pray for a firm grip on the Father's hand and to be undistracted in devotion to the Lord (Prov. 4:23; 1 Cor. 7:35; 2 Tim. 1:13-14, 2:15, 3:15-16).
- Pray for him or her to study the Word and share Christ continually. Pray for many to come to know Christ (Acts 26:18; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Col. 1:13-14; 2 Tim. 4:1-2).
- Pray for missionaries to disciple the people in their ministry (Acts 1:14, 2:42, 17:11; Eph. 4:1-3, 11-12, 15-16, 23, 32).
- Pray for them to remember the deeds of the Lord and to praise Him (Ps. 20:7, 105:1-5, 118:17; Luke 10:23; Acts 14:27, 15:8).
- Pray for their protection and for them to remember that the battle belongs to the Lord (Ex. 15:2-3; 2 Chron. 20:15; Zech. 9:14-15; Matt. 10:19-20; John 17:15).



- Pray for boldness and that they would be more interested in pleasing God than pleasing man (Isa. 51:7; Matt. 5:11-12, 10:28; Acts 5:41-42).
- As you pray, be aware of the times. Use the news as a prayer guide (1 Chron. 12:32; Matt. 16:3; 2 Cor. 1:8-10).

How to Pray for Public Servants, Police, and Firefighters

- Pray for safety and wisdom in handling the demands of their jobs (Ps. 91; Jer. 33:3).
- Pray for the families of public servants to have peace that God is in control and will protect them and their spouse or parent (Ps. 37).
- Pray for Christian public servants to grow in their faith in God through Jesus (Eph. 1:16-19; Phil. 1:6).
- Pray for Christian public servants to be salt and light to those in their communities who do not know Jesus (Matt. 5:13-16).

How to Pray for Non-Christians

Only God can save a soul. Each person must decide individually if he or she will believe in Jesus and accept the gift of salvation. Prayer is an important part of this process. Here are a number of suggested ways that you can pray for non-Christians.

- Claim the person you are praying for as God's possession in the name of Jesus and on the basis of His shed blood. "In Him we have redemption through His blood" (Eph. 1:7).
- Ask God to tear down false doctrine, unbelief, or other teaching that may have built up in a person's life. Pray for his or her thoughts to be taken "captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5).
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict him or her of sin and the need for a Savior. "The kindness of God leads you to repentance" (Rom. 2:4).
- Pray that the person will hear, receive, or read God's Word and that God's will and purposes may be accomplished through Scripture. "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire" (Isa. 55:11).
- Pray that the person's eyes will be opened and ears unstopped so that the truth is heard. "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:3-4).
- Pray with consistency and perseverance. Read Daniel 10:12-13. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).



- Thank God for making us more than conquerors, but recipients of God's love. "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us." (Rom. 8:37) "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57).
- The **HEART** acrostic is taken from Praying Your Friends to Christ.
- The key is for the lost person's heart to be changed by the saving power of Christ. The acrostic **HEART** will help you remember what to pray.
 - A. Pray for receptive HEARTS (Luke 8:5,12).
 - B. Pray for their spiritual EYES to be open. (Matt. 13:15; 2 Cor. 4:3-4).
 - C. Pray for them to adopt God's ATTITUDE toward sin (John 16:8).
 - D. Pray them to be RELEASED to believe (2 Cor.10:3-4; 2 Tim. 2:25-26).
 - E. Pray for a TRANSFORMING life (Rom. 12:1-2).

How to Pray for the President and Government Leaders

- Pray for the President, Vice-President, and other top officials to receive their wisdom from God (Ps. 111:10; Jer. 33:3; Col. 1:9; James 1:5).
- Pray for personal safety for our President and other government leaders (Prov. 18:10; Isa. 12:2; 2 Thess. 3:3).
- Pray for the name of Jesus to be glorified in the President and other leaders (Ps. 11:7; John 14:6; 2 Thess. 1:12).
- Pray for effectiveness in office and justice for those who practice evil (Luke 18:8; Rom. 13:4; Heb. 13:18).

Visit the following Web sites for further specific information about government leaders. Cabinet members are listed at whitehouse.gov/government, senators at senate.gov, and representatives at house.gov.

How to Pray for Your Children

- Thank God for the children that He has given to you (Ps. 127:3-5, 128:1-6).
- Ask God for wisdom to know the direction your child should go (Prov. 22:6).
- Pray for your children to love God and obey Him from an early age (Prov. 20:11).
- Pray for your children to guard their hearts, to be careful what they hear, read, and see. Encourage them to memorize Scripture to help them better know God (Ps. 119:11; Prov. 4:23).
- Pray for your children to trust in God and not to be afraid (Ps. 56:3-4).



How to Pray for Your Family

- Pray for your family to keep Christ as the head of your household (Eph. 4:14-16).
- Pray for your family to make prayer a natural part of the day. Pray as you wake, eat, work, and lie down to sleep (Deut. 6:6-7).
- Ask God to direct you as you prepare for prayer times with your family (Ps. 5:3).

How to Pray for Your Husband

- Pray for your husband to be strong against any opposition (2 Tim. 4:7-8).
- Pray that your husband will be determined to accomplish God's goals for him.
- Pray that your husband's words will bring healing and be acceptable in God's sight. Ask God to give him the right words as he goes through his day (Ps. 19:14).
- Thank God for a husband who trusts in God. Pray for him to rest in God's hands, knowing that He is in control (Heb. 11:1-3, 6).
- Pray for your husband to be all that God has called him to be (2 Thess. 1:11-12).
- Ask God to help you be the wife your husband needs and to respect him (Eph. 5:22-24, 33).

How to Pray for Your Wife

- Thank God for your wife and ask Him to help you be the husband she needs (Prov. 18:22).
- Pray for your wife to be all that God called her to be (Prov. 31:10-31).
- Pray for your wife to be content with her calling as your wife and mother of your children (Phil. 4:10-13).
- Pray for your wife to know how much you love her and how special she is to God (Jer. 31:3; Eph. 5:25-30).

How to Pray for Your Pastor and Ministerial Staff

- Pray for holy leaders who know God and love His Word; for inspired and purposeful visionaries (John 17:17, 20).
- Pray for prayerful leaders with loving and obedient hearts (Luke 22:46; 1 John 4:11).
- Pray for leaders with wisdom, understanding, and faith (James 1:5-6).
- Pray for leaders to be protected from evil (John 17:15).
- Pray for leaders to be united in love (John 17:11, 23).

See the 40-day prayer guide, *Pray for Your Pastor*, for more scriptural suggestions.

Quick Tips for a Quiet Time

We get to know God better by praising Him, so begin your quiet time with thanks and praise. Pray the Scriptures, such as Ephesians 3:14-21, to learn how to pattern your prayers according to His plan. Personalize His promises to your family and your church. Romans 15:5-6 says: "Now may the



God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Continue your prayer time with confession. Psalm 51:2 says: "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Receive His forgiveness and allow the Spirit to wash away your unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9) Conclude by asking for your needs to be met and praying for others. Relax and enjoy your conversation with your Father who loves you. "The prayer of the upright is His delight" (Prov. 15:8).