

WHERE YOU ONCE THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS, YOUR FOCUS IS NOW ON GOD'S POWER.

Trust in, lean on, rely on, and have confidence in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us (a fortress and a high tower). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! (Psalm 62:8)

PRAYER ADVICE

HOW TO START

Begin your prayer time with praise and worship as the Holy Spirit leads you.

PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

Spend at least 10 minutes to pray in the spirit. You utter secret truths to God, you are praying the wisdom of God and you are being edified in your spirit man. (1 Cor 14:2, 4, 14)

HOW LONG TO PRAY

Pray until you know that the answer in the Word of God is confirmed and unshakable in your heart. You sometimes need to repeat certain prayers when circumstances and hindrances come in that keeps the answer from manifesting or when doubt want to enter.

PRAY OUT LOUD

By praying out loud and hearing what you pray, your faith is being build. Faith comes by hearing the Word of the Lord (Rom 10:17). God spoke this world into existence (Gen 1:3). When praying the Word of the Lord out loud you will speak into the atmosphere of your life and God will move on your behalf. Death and life is in the power of the tongue, so let us eat the fruit of life that we speak forth through our prayers. (Prov 18:21)

STAY ACTIVE

When your thoughts begin to wonder or you become tired, get up and walk up and down to remain focussed and to get energy to continue.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US IN PRAYER. PRAYER IS THE ANSWER AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS CAN'T DO IT ALONE!

WE SHAPE WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR AND OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES THROUGH OUR PRAYERS

PRAY FOR BELIEVERS TO EXPERIENCE TRUE WORSHIP

- Pray for an outpouring of God's glory in His church as people acknowledge Him, not only with their lips but with their lives.
- Ask God for a spirit of worship to manifest itself in our church.
- Pray for revival in the churches across our nation and the world.

PRAY THAT BELIEVERS WILL KNOW, ACCEPT, AND OBEY THE WORD OF GOD

- Pray that God's Word be preached continually in the church.
- Pray for spiritual understanding and discernment among the people.
- Ask God to make the people obedient to His Word.

PRAY FOR UNITY

- Pray for humility among the church's leaders and body of believers.
- Pray that a spirit of humility and repentance will rise up among believers.
- Ask God to break down all racial and cultural walls.

PRAY FOR SOULS TO BE WON TO CHRIST

- Ask God to give our church leaders and members a vision and passion for reaching the lost.

- Pray for workers for the harvest – for believers who will consistently share their faith.
- Pray that local churches across the country would reach out to the lost in their communities.

PRAY FOR JOY IN THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF BELIEVERS

- Ask God to reveal your church's potential to your leaders and the people.
- Ask God to bring joy to your leaders and the people of the church.

PRAY FOR OTHERS

- **Pray that they know God's will for their lives.**

Lord I will not cease to pray for my wife / husband / children / employers / employees / colleagues / pastors / ministry leaders / congregants / visitors, (*name them where possible*) and make [special] request for them, [asking] that they may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things. (Colossians 1:9)

- **Pray that they would do God's will in their lives.**

That they may walk (live and conduct themselves) in a manner worthy of You Lord, fully pleasing to You and desiring to please You in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller,

deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition]. (Colossians 1:10)

KNOWLEDGE: God I pray that You would communicate to each of them with clarity what is Your will for their lives and that they would understand it.

ATTITUDE: I pray that they will have the right attitude toward what You tell them. And that they will accept Your Word and Will and be obedient with a respectful heart.

BEHAVIOUR: I pray that they would be able to change their behaviour to align themselves with YOUR WILL God. Even when it means to face the unknown and to do things they are not used to and especially when it makes them feel uncomfortable.

- **Pray for productivity in their lives**

Lord You have chosen and appointed them [You have planted them], that they might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that their fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever they ask You Father, in the Name of Jesus [as presenting all that "I AM"], You may give it to them (John 15:16).

- **Pray for them to have a growing relationship with God.**

Father I pray that they will be content (satisfied to the point where they are not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state they are. I pray that in every circumstances that they are facing, they will learn the secret of facing every situation without being in want. But that they will grow and have strength for all things in Christ who

empowers them and infuses inner strength into them; so that they will be self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency" (Philippians 4:11-13).

- **Pray for power in their lives**

Lord I pray that they may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of Your glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy (Colossians 1:11).

- **Pray for them to have the right attitude**

Giving thanks to You Father, who has qualified and made them fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Lord. (Colossians 1:12)

Pray for problems church leaders face

- **Loneliness**
- **Stress**
- **Sickness**
- **Feelings of inadequacy**
- **Depression**
- **Spiritual Warfare**

Thank You Father for equipping our church leaders / pastors with Your Holy Spirit and every kind of wisdom and understanding they need to fulfil Your calling in our church and community.

Father, as the evil one watches for the right time of weakness to attack our pastor, trying to stop all the positive things our pastor does for You and the church, I resist the devil now and break every assignment he and his demons have over our pastor's life in Jesus Name. Thank You that You give Your angels charge over our pastor and his / her household for protection from the enemy in Jesus Name. Amen.



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OUR SPIRITUAL SWORD VOL 9 PARTNER WITH US IN PRAYER

**UNLESS WE KNOW LIFE IS WAR WE WILL
NOT KNOW WHAT PRAYER IS FOR!**

INTERCEDING FOR OUR CHURCH, PASTOR AND ALL PEOPLE

As you spend an increasing amount of time praying for others, you will find that your attitude towards people improves. It becomes more positive and compassionate. And your prayer time will also mature.

You will find that:

WHERE YOU ONCE FOCUSED ON RECEIVING, YOUR CONCERN HAS SHIFTED TO GIVING

In everything I have pointed out to you [by example] that, by working diligently in this manner, we ought to assist the weak, being mindful of the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, It is more blessed (makes one happier and more to be envied) to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)

WHERE YOU WERE ONCE CONCERNED WITH YOUR INJURIES, YOUR FOCUS HAS CHANGED TO HEALING.

Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive]. (Colossians 3:13)