

31 Day

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1 How to pray the Word

1.1 Guidelines for praying the Word

Read the Word: The easiest way to pray the Word of God, is to simply read it out loud (proclaiming, confessing, declaring the Word), beginning at Genesis and ending at Revelation.

Psalms: The Church through the ages placed a huge emphasis on praying the Psalms. The Psalms contain all the different types of prayer, such as adoration, worship, praise, humbling before God, supplication, intercession, spiritual warfare and prophecy. It is through the praying of the Psalms (they prayed it out loud and on their knees) that the early Church gained faith to reach out to the pagan societies with the gospel of redemption.

God's promises: The Word of God contains numerous promises about many situations, circumstances and issues. The reading, meditating and proclaiming of these Scriptures increases faith, and helps us to understand how God wants us to act in diverse circumstances. It helps us to pray and intercede with wisdom and knowledge rather than from a perspective of fear and anxiety.

God's will, purposes and commands: By reading the Word, we discover God's will, commands and purposes for His church in the World. Build your prayers around these commands and purposes from Scripture.

Verse by verse: When reading the Word, turn every verse that enters your heart, into a personal prayer for spiritual growth, physical or emotional healing and allow your thoughts to think about these life-giving words, rather than dwelling on problems or worldly issues. Rephrase the Word of God into prayers and pray His Word back to Him.

Contemplation: Read the Word silently or out loud with the aim of encountering God. The moment, when, by faith, your spirit senses His presence, allow the Holy Spirit to take you into a deeper reflection or contemplation on the Person of God. Just linger there in His presence. Sometimes this prayer without words can have a more profound effect on our world and us than many prayers we pray from our minds.

A book at a time: Take some of the books - Any of those from Galatians to Jude (to start with) - read the whole book at least once a day - and pray it verse by verse. Do it for one or two weeks before you move to the next book.

1.2 Practical ideas

Mark your Bible: Take a blue pen to underline all the promises. A red pen to underline all the commands. Use yellow to highlight all references to worship and

praise, etc. You can work out your own colour scheme to mark your Bible to make it a prayer book. You can mark certain verses with codes like # and * or a letter of the alphabet to mark certain themes throughout the Bible. You can for instance use a P in the margin for references to specific prayers, etc.

Notebook: Get a notebook in which you start to write down specific Scriptures for prayer. You can do it under certain themes, like love, character of God, salvation, etc. Write these Scripture references and verses down, and use them in your prayer time.

2 Practical Guide on how to pray for one hour

2.1 Model 1 - Seek My Face (Psalm 27:8)

1. Seek My Face through calling on My Name (5 min)

Yahweh, the Source of all steadfastness and encouragement (*Rom.15:5*), Compassionate and merciful God (*Ex.34:6*), El-Shaddai (the All-mighty, All-sufficient One; Satisfier) (*Gen.17:1*), Yahweh-Yireh (God shall provide); Provider (*Gen.22:14*), Yahweh-Ropheka (the Lord who heals you) (*Ex.15:26*), Yahweh-Shalom (the Lord gives rest; the Lord is peace) (*Ps.35:27*), The King of the whole world (*Mic.4:13*), Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life (*Joh.14:6*), Christ the Power and Wisdom of God (*1 Cor.1:24*), The Lamb in the centre of the throne (*Rev.7:17*), The Lamb that was slain (*Rev.5:12*), Christ the Hope of glory (*Col.1:26*), the Spirit of Liberty, Insight, Counsel and Strength, Knowledge and Fear of the Lord (*Isa.11:2*), Grace and Supplication, Holiness, Love, Truth, Power, Self control, Wisdom and Revelation of the Knowledge of Him, the Spirit of Glory.

2. Seek My Face for personal revival (5 min)

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is there any known unconfessed sin in my life?
- Do I have unforgiveness and bitterness in my life?
- Are there any doubtful practices or activities in my life?
- Am I obeying the Holy Spirit promptly in all things?
- Am I confessing Jesus unashamedly?

3. Seek My Face for your unsaved family and friends (5 min)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Pray for their salvation, that God will bless them (spiritually, socially, emotionally), and pray for their felt needs.

4. Seek My Face for the church (5 min)

Write down 5 things to pray for your local church and/or the church in general

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

and/or

- Pray for congregations to be restored as houses of prayer for all nations (*Isa.56:7; Matt.21:13*).
- Pray for congregations to fulfill the Great Commission (*Matt.28:18-20*).
- Pray for congregations to fulfill the Great Commandment (*Matt.22:37-40*).
- Pray for spiritual revival in the church (*Eph.3:17-23*).
- Pray for a church that will be faithful to the Word and relevant in addressing the needs of the people (*2 Tim.3:1-17*).

5. Seek My Face for your personal needs (5 min)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. Seek My Face by praying through My Word (5 min)

Start by praying systematically through the Psalms. Read and pray through 2-3 Psalms each time.

7. Seek My Face by listening to Me and waiting on Me (5 min)

Seeking His Face by watching and listening to Him. Read *Isa.42:8-9*, *Dan.9:9-10* and *Ps.25:4-5*. Ask the Lord to reveal new things to you, things that He wants you to notice and pay attention to. Ask Him to reveal His will and strategies/plans to you. Ask Him for things that are on His heart that He wants you to pray about. Write down (journal) what you sense He is saying to you.

8. Seek My Face by praying for the breaking of strongholds of sin and that people will confess their sins (5 min)

- Immorality
- Witchcraft and idolatry
- Injustice: harmful behaviour and acts
- Racism: racial hatred and ethnic pride
- Unholy covenants

And/or

Seek My Face for some crisis issues worldwide

- The HIV/Aids pandemic
- The growing number of poor and needy people
- Corruption at all levels
- The persecuted church in many countries
- Wars, bloodshed, ethnic violence
 - also pray for millions of refugees
- Children in distress: abuse and exploitation

9. Seek My Face for the nations (5 min)

Write down the names of five countries and pray for them

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- For revival
- For the salvation of the unreached and unsaved
- For mature and God-fearing leaders
- For the multiplication of dedicated followers of Jesus
- For an awakening of a vision for missions in local congregations

And/or

- Pray that the nations will see that Christ Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life (*Joh. 14:6*).
- Pray that the unreached peoples of the earth will be reached with the gospel (*Luk. 24:46-48*).
- Pray for the coming of God's peace and glory to countries and nations (*Zech. 9:10*).
- Pray that kings and governments will submit to the Lordship of Jesus as the King of kings (*Isa. 49:7*).
- Pray that God will bless the nations (*Jer. 4:1-2*).

10. Seek My Face for My will to be done on earth (5 min)

- For the revelation of God's glory over the whole earth
- For the healing of the nations
- For reconciliation at all levels (families, churches, ethnic groups or races, countries, etc.)
- For breaking of strongholds, structures and political systems that are destroying people's lives
- Pray for God's blessing on the nations

And/or

Seek My Face for people to be reconciled with Me and one another (5 min)

- Pray that nations will confess if they ill-treated, hurt or oppressed their own people or other nations and that they will stop their condescending attitude.
- Pray for reconciliation at all levels (in families, oppression of women and children, between churches and denominations, ethnic groups or races, between states, etc.)
- Pray for the removal of strongholds, structures and political systems that are destroying the lives of people.
- Pray that people will forgive and compensate one another.

11. Seek My Face for the youth

- That this generation of young people will reach their own generation with the gospel.
- For young people to come into a new intimacy with God and obedience to Him.
- For radical, committed disciples, living in holiness.
- To radically serve God and to follow Him wherever He leads.

- For compassionate hearts, to reach even the poorest and most miserable and to serve them.

12. Seek My Face with praise and worship

End your time of prayer with praise and worship. Read any one of Ps.144-150. Thank God for his goodness and take time to bless individuals who come to mind, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2.2 Model 2 - The hour that changes the world

In his book *The Hour that changes the world*, Dick Eastman suggests that you divide an hour into 12 five-minute periods. After each 5 minutes, you progress to another form of prayer.

1. Praise and worship is an act of adoration and consecration to God (5 min)

Ps.115:1 "Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness."

- Worship God for who He is, the One who created you - for His unfailing Word; for your salvation; that you are included in His plan.
- It is to elevate and honor God.
- It is to acknowledge God for who He is, to magnify Him with our words, our whole being and with our prayer position.
- Praise His Name, His righteousness, love, holiness, omnipotence, greatness, faithfulness, omniscience, His Word, His creation, His redemptive work, etc. You may choose a different theme to use each time during this time of praise and worship. Enlarge on this theme as much as possible, meditate on it, and consider what the practical implications will be for your life and the lives of other people.

2. Wait on the Lord in an act of surrender to and love and admiration for God (Often prayer without words) (5 min)

Ps.46:11: Be still and know that I am God

- This is where I am silent before God.
- Where I close the door in the spirit to any influence from the world.
- Where I come into His presence through an act of faith.
- This is to praise and worship God for who He is.
- During this period of silence, we focus on God and dedicate ourselves again

to God. We rejoice in His presence and about His presence.

- This is a time of deep personal and intimate communication with God; this is when I, as a finite and limited being enter into the presence of God, the Unlimited and Infinite Being.
- At this stage, we have to make certain that we have a living contact with God. During this time of waiting on the Lord there is no room for impatience and hastiness, it cannot be rushed.
- During this period, you do not think about anything but God the Father, His Son Jesus your Savior and the Holy Spirit.
- You do not have to put thoughts that come up into words. Concentrate on your relationship with God and your love for Him.

3. Confession/humiliation is an act of confession and cleansing of me as the temple of God to give me free entrance to God. (5 min)

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. *(Isa.59:1-2)* If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)*

- This is where I acknowledge to my sins, confess my guilt, admit that it is wrong, turn away from it and accept God's forgiveness.
- Where I ask God to show me every form of pride and lack of love and confess it and break with it.
- This is the time for introspection and to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal any unconfessed sins. We only receive forgiveness and deliverance from sin through the blood of the Lord Jesus and His death of atonement on the cross.
- When confessing my sins I do not necessarily ask that God will change my circumstances, but that He will forgive me and change me.

4. Scripture praying is to feed myself spiritually and to pray according to God's agenda and revelation (5 min)

- This is prayer enriched by the Word: the Word is your manual on how to pray.
- This is to pray according to God's promises. God's promises in the Word quicken our faith.
- The Bible is in the first place a book that should be believed and obeyed. In

this period, I ask: Lord, which promises may I appropriate, which commands do I have to obey, to which warnings do I have to pay attention to?

- We have to remind the Lord day and night about His promises in His Word. As you read the Bible, you should ask the Lord how to apply it to your daily life and in your prayer time.

5. Watching is a time of spiritual observation, to watch spiritually, to be spiritually mindful of issues that need prayer. (5 min)

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (*Col.4:2*)

- To watch and to be aware of possible attacks from Satan. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you the plans, methods, strongholds and strategies of the Evil one.
- To be aware of any guidance from the Lord.
- To be aware of any revelation of God.
- Ask for insight, discernment, wisdom and to understand what you should focus on in prayer and what should be your priorities.
- To understand the will of God, where He wants to use you today.
- To ask the Lord what is on His agenda and on His heart.
- Is there anything in the newspapers, TV or radio for which we have to pray, things like economic problems, political unrest and wars for which God wants us to pray?

6. Intercession is to stand in the gap for other people, to concentrate on the needs and wants of other people. (5 min)

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (*1 Tim.2:1-2*)

- To pray for God's plan for other people's lives.
- To stand between God and other people and pray for their needs - to ask for mercy and grace.
- This is a spiritual position before God - to remain standing until you have the assurance that God hears you and that He releases you from praying about it.
- This is God's way of involving His children in His plan with the world.
- When you intercede, you stand on God's side and work with Him for the salvation or to the advantage of someone else.

- Through prayer, you may become involved in the spiritual battle against the powers of Evil. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal to you, through the work of the Holy Spirit where these powers are at work. On the bases of your authority in Christ, you should bind the powers of Satan in the Name of Jesus and destroy their strongholds and arguments. Resist the devil and do not give him any foothold. Jesus conquered the Evil one on the cross. We, as believers should proclaim this victory on every area of life.

7. Petitions for your personal needs

Give us today our daily bread. (*Matt.6:11*) 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. (*1 Chron.4:10*) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (*Phil.4:6*)

- To pray for my 'daily bread'.
- To take my own distress, crises, needs and desires to God.
- In humility and complete dependence, I ask God to supply in my needs. I come as God's servant and His child.
- Do not dictate.
- Come in faith and trust - come as God's friend.
- Be specific.
- As Christians, we may boldly take our personal needs to the Father. We can pray with expectation, even about the smallest things.
- Watch out for selfish desires.

8. Thanksgiving is the time when I express my appreciation to God for His care and protection and for who He is.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (*1 Thess.5:18*)

- Think about the day and thank God for His care for you and others.
- Thank God for new things He did: spiritual, physical and social.
- Thank Him for who He is, His gifts, answers to prayer...all His blessings.
- Be specific in your thanksgiving.

9. Singing is melodious praise and worship.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he, who made us, and we are his, we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (*Ps.100*)

- This is an act to praise and worship God with spiritual songs.
- This can be a battle cry against the powers of darkness. Singing and spiritual warfare (our struggle against the Evil one) are indissolubly part of each other.
- Use well-known songs or sing your own new songs. You can start by using Scripture portions adapted into songs.
- This is to glorify, adore and worship the Father in song.

10. Meditation is to consider or investigate an issue at a deeper level, to evaluate it spiritually.

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. (*Ps.1:1-3*) Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (*Josh.1:8*)

- Meditate on the nature and being of the Tri-une God, His creation, acts (works) and character.
- Take a particular theme from Scripture and meditate on it. (Righteousness, love, truth, light, peace, holiness, etc.)
- Take a portion from Scripture and meditate on it.
- Make God Himself the focus of your meditation: His words or acts, His Word, His character.

Christian meditation is the opposite of Eastern meditation. Eastern meditation is about a passive state of mind and to empty your mind. For the Christian meditation is an active process of evaluating, investigation and pondering where your mind is fully involved and where you allow the Holy Spirit and Scripture to

lead you. Meditation is to reflect in a disciplined way. Watch out that Satan does not plant his thoughts in your mind. Also, watch out for negative thoughts during this time. Reflect on whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable. When you reflect on a specific portion of Scripture, you should ask yourself what this portion says to you personally.

11. Listening is a period where you receive instructions from God, where you ask Him to reveal to you the things He wants you to notice and pay attention to.

Do not be quick with your mouth; do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. (Eccl.5:2)

- Focus on listening to the inner voice of the Holy Spirit.
- Where you ask: What do You want me to do? What is Your will for today?
- Seek guidance from the Word.
- Ask God purposefully to reveal to you His will, plans and strategies.
- Waiting on the Lord is about loving God. During meditation, we want to learn more about God. In the period of listening, we want to hear what God wants to tell us. During this period, I ask; Lord, what do you want from me, what is your will for me?
- You may also ask God specific questions; maybe difficult questions on which you do not have answers. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- Be careful not to be quick in saying; "The Lord said this or that to me."

12. Praise is to magnify God, to glorify Him, to tell Him that you know to Whom you have been praying and to trust Him with your prayers.

For yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (Matt.6:13)

- Make your Amen at the end strong to confirm that you believe God heard you and will answer you. Amen means: this is true and certain, this will be so.
- This is a final spiritual act to put God on the throne of your life.
- This is where you confess: For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

3 31 Word Prayers

3.1 Bless our community

Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that You will bless our community. That You will bless them and keep them, that You will make Your face shine upon them and be gracious to them; that You will turn Your face toward them and give them Your peace. (*Num.6:23-27*) We ask this for our neighbours, our colleagues at work, for the police and people in prisons, for the children in school, the doctors and nurses and patients in hospitals, for fathers and mothers in our community and for the businesses, the teachers in schools, the city council and government officials, the homeless, the jobless, those involved in all kinds of addiction, the destitute, the president of our nation and his advisors, the ministers of government and all their personnel.

Praise be to You the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. (*Eph.1:3*) As Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, we cry out to You for our community: Oh, that You would bless us, that Your hand be upon us and that You will keep us from harm so that we will be free from pain and that we will cause no pain. (*1 Chron. 4:10*)

God of peace, may You sanctify us through and through. May our whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless. (*1 Thess.5:23-24*) Lord, You are able to keep us from falling and to present all of us before Your glorious presence without fault and with great joy. (*Jude 24-25*) Lord Jesus, may Your grace be on our community. (*1 Cor.16:24*)

3.2 We lift up Your Name

Our Father in heaven, You are the High and Lofty One, the Most High God, Who inhabits eternity; Your Name is holy. (*Isa.57:15*) Let Your Name be kept holy and treated with reverence in our community. (*Matt.6:9*) You have commanded us not to take Your Name in vain, nor to profane or blaspheme Your Name. (*Ex.20:7; Lev.19:12; 24:16*) Yet Your Name has been profaned among the nations and many people had forgotten Your Name and had stretched out their hands to other gods. (*Ezek.36:23; Ps.44:20*) We confess that we have transgressed your command. As we now pray and confess Your Name, and turn from our sin, please hear and restore us. (*2 Chron.6:32, 33*) May Your Name be sanctified so that all nations, even Your adversaries, shall know that You are Lord and fear Your Name.

(Ezek.36:21, 23; Isa.64:2; Ps.102:15)

O Lord God, other masters besides You have dominion over our community, and us but now we call upon Your Name. *(Isa.26:13)* The desire of my soul is for the remembrance of Your Name in our community. *(Isa.26:8)* Let us remember Your Name in the night, o Lord and meditate on it. *(Ps.119:55; Mal.3:16)* Unite our hearts to fear Your Name so that we will depart from iniquity and hold fast to Your Name and not deny You. *(Ps.86:11; 2 Tim.2:19; Rev. 2:13; 3:8)* Your Name is wonderful, as ointment poured forth, a strong tower and a safe place for us to dwell. *(Judges 13:18; SoS.1:3; Prov.18:10; Ps.61:3)*

3.3 For God's Grace and Mercy

Father of mercy, please give attention to our prayers and our plea for mercy for our community. *(1 Kings 8:28)* As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to You, Lord our God, till You show us your mercy. *(Ps.123:2)* We approach your throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace and help in our time of need. *(Heb.4:16; Ps.5:7; 6:9; 28:2)* Do not withhold Your tender mercies from us, o Lord; let Your loving-kindness and truth continually preserve us. *(Ps.40:11)* For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is Your mercy toward those who fear You. You are good; Your mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and extends from generation to generation to those who fear You. *(Ps.103; 11, 17; 106:1; Luke 1:50)* You are compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet You do not leave the guilty unpunished and by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation. You are good to all and Your tender mercies are over all Your works. *(Ex.34:6-7; Ps.145:9)* Because of Your mercies, we are not consumed; Your compassions fail not. Though You cause grief, yet You show compassion according to the multitude of Your mercies. *(Lam.3:22, 32)* In Your sovereignty, You declared: "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." *(Ex.33:19; Rom.9:16, 18)* Do not withhold Your mercy from us, O Lord; may Your love and Your truth always protect us. *(Ps.40:11)*

3.4 We worship You

To You alone be the glory forever! *(Rom.11:36)* You are the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, to You be honour and glory for ever and ever. *(1*

Tim.1:17) We bless You, our God, the only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To You be honour and might forever. (*1 Tim.6:15-16*)

Lord, we proclaim that in the beginning, You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment, they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end. (*Heb.1:10-12*)

Lord Jesus, You are the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. You love us and have freed us from our sins by Your blood, and have made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve You and God our Father. You are the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. (*Rev.1:6-20*) You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will, they were created and have their being. (*Rev.4:8-11*) Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! (*Rev.5:8-14*) Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. (*Rev.15:1-8*)

3.5 For Your grace and mercy

Merciful God, heal our community, even though we have sinned against You and according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions in this community. (*Ps.41:4; 51:1*) When we conceal our sins, we will not prosper; therefore, we confess and renounce them so that we may find mercy with You. (*Prov.28:13*) Do not hold against us the sins of our fathers; may Your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. (*Ps.79:8*)

Who is a God like You, who pardons sin and forgives transgressions and does not stay angry forever but delights to show mercy? (*Mic.7:18*) Have mercy on the people in our community as You had mercy on Israel. Do not put an end to us or abandon us, for You are a gracious and merciful God. Let those that had not received mercy; receive Your mercy now, so that they will glorify You. (*Neh.9:31; 1 Pet.2:10; Rom.15:9*)

You showed us what is good for us and what You require from us: To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. (*Mic.6:8*) Strengthen us to do your will; help us to follow Your example to administer true justice and to show mercy and compassion to one another. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (*Zech.7:9; Matt.5:7; Rom.12:18*) Let us not neglect justice, mercy and faithfulness. (*Matt.23:23*) With the Church through the ages, we cry: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. (*Matt.9:27; Luke 18:38; Matt.15:22*) Multiply Your mercy, peace, and love unto us. (*Jude 2*)

3.6 For the healing of our land

You have made mankind, male and female, to be Your representatives on earth, to fill it and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth. (*Gen.1:26*) You gave breath to the people on the earth and spirit to those who live on it. (*Isa.42:5; Gen.2:7*) You have given mankind food to eat - every plant yielding seed and every tree with seed in its fruit, and every living thing that moves on the earth, You have given to us as food to eat. (*Gen.1:29; 9:3; Deut.12:15*) It is You, Lord God who makes the earth fruitful, who gives plenty of grain and wine. You make our hearts glad with wine; You give us oil to make our faces shine, and bread which strengthens our hearts. (*Gen.1:11; 27:28; Ps.104:14, 15*) You, Lord God, water the earth and prepare rain for it. You give rain in its season, both the early and latter rain. (*Ps.65:9; 147:8; Deut.11:14*)

You reign over all the earth (*Ps.97:1*), but have given the earth to mankind as a dwelling place to rule over (*Ps.115:16; Gen.1:26*). But You are aware of everything that happens on this earth (*Zech.4:10; Ps.33:13*), keeping watch on the evil and the good. (*Prov.15:3*) No creature is hidden from Your sight but all things are naked and open to Your eyes, and it is to You that we must give account. (*Heb.4:13*) As we stand before You now, we confess that we, the people in this community, have failed in our God-given task. Our land has become corrupted and defiled because of our sin and rebellion against You. (*Gen.6:11-12; Isa.24:4-6*) Please be gracious to us as we, the children of God, turn back to You to plead for Your full redemption (*Rom.8:19-23*) and for the healing of our community and our land. (*2 Chron.7:13-15*)

3.7 Repentance for Bloodguilt

Lord God, You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. You forgive iniquity, transgression and sin. (*Ex.34:6-7*)

Be merciful to us for there are dark places on earth, inhabited by wickedness and the whole earth is corrupted and defiled by sin. (*Ps.74:20; Gen.6:11, 12; Isa.24:12*) The land is bringing forth thorns and thistles, and is even vomiting out the people. (*Gen.3:17, 18; Lev.18:25-28*) Our lands are filled with crimes of blood, our towns and cities are full of violence and iniquity and previous generations and we had treated life with little respect. (*Ezek.7:23; Hab.2:12*) Because of the bloodguilt caused by murders, wars and abortions, many people have become wanderers and refugees. (*Gen.4:11, 12*) The ground is cursed and does not yield its strength when we work it; the heavens have become like brass and the earth like iron. (*Gen.4:12; Deut.28:23; Ps.107:34*) You hate hands that shed blood, and do not answer the prayer of those who have bloodguilt on their hands. (*Prov.6:17; Isa.1:15; 59:2*) You said that the life of a person is in the blood and that their blood is crying to you for revenge. (*Gen.4:10; Lev.17:11*)

Lord, our Redeemer, please forgive us for all the bloodshed in our nation and in this community; remove the curse of bloodguilt from our land, wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. (*Joel 3:21; Ps.51:2, 14*) You make wars to cease when You judge and rebuke nations. (*Ps.46:9; Mic.4:3*) Be merciful and establish Your kingdom in our community and our land so that the Prince of Peace will rule and reign in our midst. (*Isa.9:6, 7; Zech.9:10; Rom.14:17*)

3.8 Repentance for idolatry

Lord of hosts, You are God, You alone. You have made heaven and earth. (*Isa.37:16*) There is no other god besides You, a just God and a Saviour. (*Isa.45:21*) But mankind, although they knew You, did not honour You nor gave You thanks but we became futile in our thinking and our foolish hearts were darkened. The past generations and we exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped created things rather than the Creator. (*Rom.1:21, 25*) All peoples had stretched out their hands to foreign gods. (*Ps.44:20*) Through our idolatry, covetousness and self-worship, we have defiled the land. (*Col.3:5; Ps.106:38; Ezek.22:4; 36:18*) You have said that we are not to make an idol for ourselves; neither a carved image, nor set up a sacred monument or pillar or engraved stone for ourselves to bow to it, for You are God. (*Lev.26:1*)

Now O Lord, we are reaping the fruit of our sins. Droughts plague us, famine ravages the peoples, wars rage between nations and ecological disasters devastate our land because we have acted faithlessly against You and gone far

from You. (*Ezek.14:12-21; Jer.2:5*) Lord, we are ashamed of our ways, our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens. (*Ezra 9:6, 7*) Both we and our fathers have sinned, we have committed iniquity and done wickedness, please be merciful and forgive us our sin. (*Ps.106:6*) Please cleanse us from all our filthiness and all our idols. (*Ezek.36:25, 26*) Remove the names of the other gods from our mouths, raise up a pure and spotless church that will show Your manifest wisdom to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. (*Hos.2:17; Eph.3:10*)

3.9 Repentance for injustice and broken covenants

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ascribe greatness to You. You are the Rock; Your work is perfect; all Your ways are just. You are a God of truth and without injustice. (*Deut.32:3, 4*) Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. (*Ps.89:14, 15*) You administer justice for the fatherless and the widow; You love the stranger and give him food and clothing. (*Deut.10:18*) You have shown us what is good, and required of us to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. (*Mic.6:8*)

Judge of the whole earth, we come to plead for mercy and grace for our community and our land. Justice is far from us. We stumble and fall because our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities. We have transgressed and lied against You, and departed from our God. We speak oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. Often justice is turned back in our nations and righteousness stands far off; Truth is fallen in the street. (*Isa.59:9-15*) The land mourns and is defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws and broken covenant with You. Therefore, a curse consumes our land. (*Isa.24:3-6*) We are building our own houses through unrighteousness, using services without paying wages. (*Jer.22:13*) Many of our cities are established by iniquity. (*Hab.2:12*) We have unjust laws and oppressive decrees, depriving the poor of justice and withholding justice from the oppressed, making widows a prey and robbing the fatherless. (*Isa.10:2*) We repent; we ask forgiveness, we turn back to You. Fill our hearts with truth and righteousness and heal our land. We ask this in Jesus Name.

3.10 Repentance for immorality

Lord God, we have defiled the land with divorce, with abominable sexual practices such as homosexuality, incest, fornication and prostitution (*Jer.3:1-3; Rom.1:26,*

27; *Lev.18:23*). We confess that our generation is filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and evil-mindedness. There are backbiters, haters of God, violent and proud people, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient ones to parents; undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving and unmerciful people. (*Rom.1:29, 30*) Even in the Church, we confess that we have defiled our bodies with immorality and as such have defiled the temple of the Holy Spirit. (*1Cor.6.18-20*)

If You, Lord, should mark our iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be feared. (*Ps.130:3, 4*) Yes, to the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against You. (*Dan 9:9*) We humble ourselves before You, and ask that You will guide us in justice and teach us Your ways. (*Ps.25:9*) Help us to not live according to our fleshly desires, but to put to death the deeds of the body through Your Spirit. (*Rom 8:13*) We want to learn to walk in the Spirit so that we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (*Gal.5:16-26*) Help us to keep our conduct honourable amongst the unbelievers so that they may see our good works and glorify You. (*1 Pet.2:11-12*) Forgive us for being carnally minded, and help us to set our minds on the things of the Spirit so that we may please You. (*Rom.8:5-8*) We plead with You to transform us by renewing our minds through Your Word, so that we will not be conformed to this world, but may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (*Rom.12:2*)

3.11 Pour out Your Spirit on us

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, thank You that You gave us the Holy Spirit to teach, guide and comfort us. (*John 14:26*) Thank You that through Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Adoption, (*Rom.8:15; Gal.4:6*) we can know You and call You "Abba Father", and that You have not left us alone but have given us a Helper. (*John 14:16, 18; John 15:26*)

Please forgive us for the many times that we have grieved and quenched the Holy Spirit, or refused to submit to Your ways and resisted Him. (*Eph.4:30; 1 Thess.5:19; Acts 5:9*) Protect us from ever speaking against, rebelling or lying to the Holy Spirit so that You do not turn against us and become our enemy. (*Matt.12:32; Acts 5:3; Isa.63:10, 11*) Give us Your Spirit of wisdom, understanding, power, council and knowledge (*Isa.11:2*) so that we can boldly share Your Word with all people, even with those in authority. (*Dan.4:9; 5:11; Acts*

4:8) Fill us with Your Spirit so that even when we are persecuted, we will still speak the truth and not be silent about Your love and the hope that we have in our hearts. (*Acts 4:31*) Pour out Your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit so that we will be able to love unconditionally. (*Rom.5:5*). You have not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and self-control. (*2 Tim.1:7*) Let the fruit of the Spirit be visible in and through our lives. (*Gal.5:22-23*) May Your Holy Spirit convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. (*John 16:7-8*) Let the Church multiply and walk in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of Your Holy Spirit. (*Acts 9:31*) Empower us with Your Holy Spirit so that we will be Your witnesses unto the ends of the earth. (*Acts 1:8*)

3.12 Let all people hear Your Voice

Our Father in Heaven, Your voice is over the nations, Your voice is powerful; Your voice is full of majesty. Your voice breaks the cedars; it splinters the cedars of Lebanon. Your voice divides flames of fire! Your voice shakes the wilderness. Your voice makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; And in Your temple (and the hearts of Your children), everyone says: "GLORY!" (*Ps.29:1-9*)

Father, You spoke: "Let there be light!" and there was light. (*Gen.1:3*) Into the darkness of our world, You send Your Son, the Word made flesh. (*Joh.1:1-14*) He is the Light of the World - so that we may see the light, and have hope in our hearts. (*Eph.1:18*) Your voice from heaven commanded us to listen to Your Son. (*Mark 9:7*) Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd, and that all His sheep will know His voice. (*John 10:3-5; 14-16*) Help us to discern the truth from the lie and to really know Your voice (*John 18:37*) and when we hear Your voice, help us to not harden our hearts and be rebellious against You.

We pray that our community and land will hear Your voice, even though some people rage against you. (*Ps.46:6*) Let those who do not know You nor care to obey You, see Your power and bow before You. (*Ex.5:2*) Give us Your words so that we will become Your voice to speak to governments and leaders to help them to walk in Your ways. (*Mark 3:11*) Help us to draw near to You to receive the messages You want to give through Your Church to the world. (*Deut.5:25-27*) Give us also the ability to speak and translate the Gospel into the heart languages of all people. (*Acts 2:11*) Help us to draw so close to You that we will hear the desires of Your heart and give ourselves in Your service. (*Isa.6:8*)

3.13 For relationships in the church

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Head of the Body, the Church. We confess as a Church that we have not discerned Your Body correctly but have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought to, forgetting that it is one Body with many members and that all the members do not have the same function, but still each member belongs to all others. (*Rom.12:3-5*) We confess that we have become puffed up with our own ideas and so as a Body we lost connection with You the Head, and the Body has suffered and became disjointed and could not grow up to maturity. (*Col.2:18-19*) We kept on biting and devouring one another and some members were destroyed by our lack of love. (*Gal.5:14-15*)

Please forgive us and restore our relationships. You had combined the members of Your Body so that there should be no division, but that we should have equal concern for one another, and suffer together as well as rejoice when other members are honoured. (*1 Cor.12:24-27*) Let us be one as You and the Father are one. May Your prayer be answered that the Father will protect us by the power of His Name, the Name given to You, so that our oneness will be manifested in the love that we have for one another (*Joh.17:11*), since it is through this love that the world will know that we belong to You. (*Joh.13:35*)

We pray that You will restore us, the Church, to the purpose You had for us before You even created us. (*Eph.2:15; Eph.3:10, 11*) As we accept one another in unity, may Your Name be praised. (*Rom.15:7*)

3.14 The blood of Jesus Christ

According to the Scriptures, all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (*Heb.9:22*) We come to You Lord Jesus as the Mediator of the new covenant. (*Heb.12:24*) Thank You for demonstrating Your love toward us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (*Rom.5:8*) Yes, You set Him forth as an atonement sacrifice and by His blood You demonstrated Your righteousness, for Christ came as High Priest and with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all and obtained eternal redemption. (*Rom.3:25; Heb.9:11-12*) With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, You have redeemed us and forgiven our sins according to the riches of Your grace. (*1 Pet.1:18-19; Eph.1:7; Col.1:14*) Now we, who once were far off and dead in our trespasses and sins, have been brought near to Your throne by the blood of Christ. (*Eph.2:5; 13*) It is through the blood of Christ that we are justified and reconciled with You, our heavenly Father.

(Rom.5:9; Col.1:20)

It is Your blood that cleanses our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. *(Heb.9:14)* You loved us and washed us from our sins in Your blood so that we are cleansed from all sin *(Rev.1:5; 1 Joh.1:7)* and You sanctified us in the Spirit with Your blood. *(Heb.13:12; 1 Pet.1:2)* It is through Your blood that we overcome Satan. *(Rev.12:11)*

Make us complete in every good work through the blood of the everlasting covenant, to do Your will. Work in us that which is well pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. *(Heb.13:20-21)*

3.15 For the church to fulfill her purpose

Father, may Christ be revealed and made known through the Church so that all nations might believe and obey Your Son. *(Rom.16:25-27)*. Let the testimony of Jesus Christ be confirmed in and through the church. As we wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed, may we not lack in any spiritual gift to do Your work. Keep us strong to the end, so that we will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(1 Cor.1:4-8)*

Father, with thanksgiving and supplication I am praying for an increase of love and faith in the church. Will You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, give us Your Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know You and make You known to the people in our community. We pray also that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which You have called us, the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints, and Your incomparably great power for us who believe. *(Eph.1:15-23)*

Will You restore the church as a house of prayer so that the church will again devote itself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. *(Col.4:2)* We pray earnestly that You will supply what is lacking in our faith. Lord, will You make our love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else. May You strengthen our hearts so that we will be blameless and holy in Your presence. *(1 Thess.3:9-13)* Father we confidently pray that You who began a good work in all of us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. *(Phil.1:6-11)*

3.16 For the fear of the Lord

Lord God Almighty, You are to be feared above all gods. (*1 Chron.16:25-26*) Lord, You call for obedience and for hearts that are totally devoted to You alone. We want to fear only You, and serve You in truth with all our hearts, for You have done great things for us. (*1 Sam.12:20-24*)

Lord God, to fear You is the beginning of wisdom. (*Ps.111:10*) We ask You to give us wisdom (*James 1:5*) and to teach us to fear You. Your eyes, Lord, are on those who fear You, and on those who hope in Your mercy, to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our souls wait for You, for You are our help and shield. (*Ps 33:18-22*) Lord You encamp around those who fear You and deliver them. Let us taste Your goodness, for You call those who trust in You, blessed! (*Ps 34:7-10*)

Let all the people in our community and in our land fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of You. (*Ps.33:8*) May Your Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, mightily work in us. (*Isa.11:2*) May the people in our community and land not despise Your wisdom and may they choose to fear You.

You allow us to hunger for You, so that we will know that man cannot live by bread alone, but that man lives by every Word that proceeds from Your mouth. You have chastened us so that we will walk in Your ways and fear You. (*Deut.8:3-6*) Teach us Your ways, so that we will walk in Your truth. Give us an undivided heart to fear Your Name. (*Ps.86:11*) Help us to depart from evil and to do good, to seek peace and pursue it and to keep our lips from speaking deceit. (*Ps.34:13-14*) Today we choose for ourselves that we will fear the Lord and serve only You, in sincerity and in truth. (*Josh.24:14-15*)

3.17 For Your purposes with families and children

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bow our knees before You, from whom every family on earth is named. (*Eph.3:14, 15*)

Since all families have their origin in You, we ask You to bring healing and restoration to the families in our community. We acknowledge and confess that most of the pain that families experience is because of our own sinful ways. We confess that we have not lived according to Your standards in our marriages and in bringing up our children. (*Isa.1:23*) We have ignored Your command that

husbands are to love and care for their wives as Jesus cares for the Church, and that wives are to submit to and respect their husbands, as the Church is to submit to Jesus. (*Eph.5:22-33; 1 Pet.3:7*)

Through Your blood, we can be reconciled with each other. (*2 Cor.5:18*) Have mercy on us. We also confess that as children, we are disobedient to our parents and we do not honour them as You had commanded us to do. (*2 Tim. 3:2; Ex.20:12*) As fathers and mothers, we have not set examples for our children as to godly lifestyles. We have caused them to stumble and provoked them to anger, and we have not given You glory by telling them about You, so they became rebellious and unfaithful to You. (*Eph.6:4-6; Ps.78:4-8*) We need Your cleansing and healing, please come and wash our families with Your Word. (*Eph.5:26*) Deliver us from evil; take away all roots of bitterness, hatred and unforgiveness amongst us. Make our relationships with one another beautiful again.

3.18 For the healing of Christ

We praise You Lord, and remember all that You have done for us. It is You who forgive our sins and heal all our sicknesses. (*Ps.103:2-3*) You are God, our Healer. (*Ex.15:26*) You have given us Your Son, Jesus Christ to bear our griefs and carry our sorrows. He was pierced for our transgressions, and He was bruised for our iniquities. The punishment for our peace was upon Him, and by His wounds, we are healed. Father You laid all of our sins on Him. It was Your will for Him to suffer, and You made His soul an offering for sin. Because He bore the sin of the world, He can now intercede for sinners. (*Isa.53:1-12*)

You have anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, to preach the gospel of the kingdom, and to heal all kinds of sickness and disease among people, even to heal from demonic oppression. (*Matt. 4:23-24; Acts 10:38*) The Sun of Righteousness has truly risen with healing in His wings. (*Mal.4:2*)

Lord Jesus Christ, our community is in need of Your healing. Come and heal our souls and bodies for we have sinned against You. (*Ps.41:4*) Heal the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to those who are enslaved by sin, and open the prisons for those who are bound by addiction, self-inflicted bondages, corrupt hearts and spiritual strongholds. (*Isa.61:1*) You have promised that if we who are called by Your Name will humble ourselves, and pray and seek Your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then You will hear from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land. (*2 Chron.7:14*) Our nation needs healing. Fulfill Your promise to bring healing, as we humble ourselves before You.

3.19 For the suffering and persecuted

Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us to follow in Your steps, even in suffering. You were reviled and suffered injustice, but You never retaliated, choosing instead to entrust Yourself to the One who will do justice. (*1 Pet.2:21-24*) Your sufferings were necessary so that we could receive forgiveness of our sins (*Luke 24:46-47*) and because of Your obedience and willingness to suffer, we are declared righteous.

You called those blessed who are persecuted because of righteousness, and promised us a great reward in heaven when we bless those who persecute and insult us, because of Your Name. (*Matt.5:10-12*) Help us to be of the same mind as You, so that we will live for the will of God (*1 Pet. 4:1,19*), and if that includes suffering, that we will, like the early Church, rejoice because we are counted worthy to suffer for Your Name's sake. (*Acts 5:41; Phil.1:29; 2 Thess.1:5-6*) Help us to understand the purpose of suffering, since Paul declared that all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (*Rom.8:17; 2 Tim.3:12*) Help us to say like Paul: "All we want is to know You, the power of Your resurrection, and the fellowship of Your sufferings, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." (*Phil.3:10-11*)

We pray for those who are suffering and are being persecuted for Your Name's sake, that You will perfect, establish and strengthen them. (*1 Pet.5:10*) Give us boldness to speak Your Word even when we are being threatened and persecuted. (*Acts 4:29*) Help us to learn obedience from the things that we suffer. (*Heb.5:8*) We pray for those who are persecuting Your Church: have mercy on them.

3.20 For our government

Lord, You change times and seasons; You set up kings and deposes them. (*Dan.2:20-22*) With prayers, intercession and thanksgiving we come before Your throne for kings, our government, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness - for this is good, and pleases You God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (*1 Tim.2:1-4*) Our rulers' hearts are in Your hand, Lord; direct it like a watercourse wherever You please. (*Prov.21:1*) Remove the wicked councilors from the presence of our government leaders, the president, ministers and other officials, and establish our government through righteousness and truth. (*Prov.25:5*) Take greed from their hearts and protect them from taking bribes.

(*Prov.29:4*) Let our government deal honestly and with fairness towards the poor.
(*Prov.29:14*)

Show the president and all government officials what is good and what You require from them. Work in their hearts to work justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly in Your presence. (*Mic.6:8*) Lord God, fill the hearts of our rulers with love and faithfulness that will keep them safe and in this way, we will have security and peace. (*Prov.20:28*) Will You send Your Holy Spirit into our government buildings and places where our rulers gather, pass laws and make decisions, to convict of sin where necessary and to establish them in truth and righteousness. (*Joh.16:8-11*) We pray for our government for protection against the powers of darkness and that they will not be involved in witchcraft, idolatry or any form of occultism. As the church, we resist the devil where he tries to attack, ensnare and deceive the government. (*James 4:7*)

3.21 To be filled with Your Word

By Your Word the heavens were made (*Ps.33:6*) and You uphold all things by the power of Your Word. (*Heb.1:3*) Your Word is alive and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (*Heb.4:12*) Your Word is also like a fire, and a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces. (*Jer. 23:29*) Your Word is the sword of the Spirit (*Eph.6:17*) and every Word that goes out of Your mouth will not return to You void, but will accomplish what pleases You and prosper in the thing for which You have sent it. (*Isa.55:11*)

You, who reveal Yourself through your Word (*1 Sam.3:21*), open our minds to understand the Scriptures (*Luke 24:45*) and give us Your Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know You. (*Eph.1:17*) May Your Word be a lamp to our feet and light for our path. (*Ps.119:105*) Direct our steps by Your Word. (*Ps.119:133*) Let us live from every Word that comes from Your mouth. (*Deut.8:3; Matt.4:4*) May Your Word cleanse us. (*John 15:3; Eph.5:26*) May Your Word heal us and deliver us from destruction. (*Ps.107:20*)

Let Your Word dwell richly in me so that I can teach and encourage others (*Col.3:16*) and overcome the evil one. (*1John 2:14*) Let the hearing of Your Word bring faith to my heart. (*Rom.10:17*)

Establish Your Word in our cities and nations, let it grow mightily and prevail. (*Acts*

19:20) All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever. (1 Pet 1:24-25)

3.22 To resist the Evil One

It was Your eternal purpose, which You accomplished in Jesus Christ our Lord, that Your manifold wisdom should be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. (Eph.3:10) We pray that You will heal the broken-hearted in our community, that You will set the captives free, give sight to the blind and that You will set free all those who are oppressed. (Luke 4:18)

You had given Your Son all authority in heaven and on earth, that at the Name of Jesus Christ, every knee must bow and every tongue must confess that He is Lord. (Matt.28:18-20; Phil.2:10, 11) May this happen in our community.

May the works of the devil be destroyed in our community, because for this purpose Your Son died. (1 Joh.3:8) Deliver our community from the power of darkness. (Col.1:13-14) According to Your Word, may the eyes of the unbelievers in our community be opened, so that they will turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they too might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in You. (Luke 9:1-2; Matt.28:18-19; Acts 26:17-18) God of peace, we pray that You will soon crush Satan under our feet. (Rom 16:20) Thank You for giving us the armour of God, so that we can stand against the wiles of the devil as we wrestle against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. We declare that greater are You that are in us than he that is in the world. (1 Joh.4:4)

3.23 For the Fatherhood of God to be revealed

Everlasting Father, You are our Creator who made and formed us. (Deut.32:6) We declare: You are our Father. (Ps.89:26; Isa.63:16) We are the clay, You are the potter; we are the work of Your hand. (Isa.64:8) Therefore, with multitudes of millions around the world we confess: We believe in God the Father, the Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth. Thank you for Your covenant promise that You will be our Father and that we can be Your sons and daughters. (2 Cor.6:18)

Reveal Yourself to our community as Father, the One from whom every good and

perfect gift comes down and who does not change like shifting shadows. (*James 1:17*) Let us know You as You really are. (*1 Joh.2:13-14*) Like Abraham and Moses to whom You spoke face to face, we want to live in a face to face relationship with You.

As a son honours his father and a servant his master, we want to honour and respect You. (*Mal.1:6*) And as Your Son Jesus glorified You before the world, it is also our desire to glorify You before the world. (*Joh.17:4*)

Reveal Yourself as a Father to the fatherless, a Defender of widows. (*Ps.68:5*) We have not received a spirit from You that makes us slaves again to fear, but we have received from You the Spirit of sonship - the Spirit of adoption as sons. And by this Spirit we also cry, "Abba, Father!" (*Gal.4:5-7; Rom.8:15, 17*) We want to be true worshipers, therefore teach us, Father, to worship You in Spirit and in truth. (*Joh.4:23*)

3.24 For the salvation of the unsaved

Father, may Your kingdom come, may Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (*Matt.6:10*) We pray for the salvation of people from every nation, tribe, people and language - also for the people in our community - that countless multitudes of people will one day stand before the throne in front of the Lamb. (*Rev.7:9*)

We pray for the nations of the world and our unsaved friends and neighbours to be reconciled with You. We ask this because You do not take any pleasure in the death of the wicked, but You are pleased when they turn from their ways. (*Ezek.18:23*)

Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (*Joh.1:29*) Turn the hearts of the unsaved to You that they may turn to You. (*Lam.5:21*) Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray that You will convict the people in our community of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. (*Joh.16:8*)

May thousands in Your church respond when You call: "Whom shall I send?" Let them be willing to go. Let them say like Isaiah: "Here is I. Send me!" (*Isa.6:8*) We see that the harvest is plentiful and the workers few. Therefore, we pray to You, Lord of the harvest: send workers into the harvest fields. (*Matt.9:37-38*) May

Christians all over the world lift up their eyes to see that the fields are ripe for harvest. (*Joh.4:35*) Let the church grasp in a new way that our calling is to go into the entire world and preach the good news to all creation. (*Mark 16:15*) Lord God, we ask You to work through signs, wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to Your will. (*Heb.2:4*)

3.25 For Your kingdom to come

Father, we pray that Your Kingdom would come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (*Matt.6:9, 10*) From all the nations, we will speak of the glory of your Kingdom and talk of your power, to make known to the sons of men your mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of your Kingdom. Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and your dominion endures for all generations. (*Psa.145:11-13*)

Forgive us for being so focused on our own needs and on building our own kingdoms. Please open the eyes of our hearts so that we may know the hope to which You have called us, and the riches of your glorious inheritance in us, the saints, and Your incomparable great power for us who believe. (*Eph.1:18-19*) We bow our knees and acknowledge the authority of the Name of Jesus and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. (*Phil.2:10-11*)

We pray that many more will hear the Word of the Gospel of the Kingdom, and that the seed will fall in prepared hearts, so that there will be a great harvest of souls in our generation. (*Matt.13:3-23*) We now proclaim to all nations: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be lifted up, everlasting doors, so that the King of Glory may enter in!" (*Psa.24:7*)

We bless You, Most High God, and praise and honour You who live forever. (*Dan.4:34*) Your dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away; and Your Kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed. Your saints, O Most High God, shall receive and possess the Kingdom forever. (*Dan.7:9, 10, 13, 14, 18*) To You who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever! (*Rev.5:13*)

3.26 Deliver us from evil

Lord Jesus, You taught us to pray: Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. (*Matt.6:13*) By Your death and resurrection, You defeated all powers of evil. (*Col.2:13-15*) You declared that the gates of hell will not prevail against Your

Church. (*Matt.16:19*) We pray for deliverance from demonic oppression. We pray for the tearing down of evil strongholds and ideologies that hinder the spreading of the knowledge of God. We resist the plan of Satan to keep nations in darkness. (*James 4:7*) We pray that You will remove the veil that covers the peoples and keep them in darkness. (*Acts 26:17-18*) Your Word declared that nothing, not even principalities and powers, are able to separate us from Your love. (*Rom.8:38-39*) We ask for open doors so that the gospel may enter into every nation. (*Rev.3:8*) Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death. Break the hold of slavery and tyranny. Fill us with Your Spirit to fearlessly and faithfully preach Your Word. (*Acts 1:8*) Give us Your Spirit of prayer and supplication to cry on behalf of the lost. (*Zec.12:10*)

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. We proclaim to all nations: "Lift up your heads, o ye gates of the nations, and be lifted up, everlasting doors, so that the King of Glory may enter in! (*Ps 24:7*)

3.27 For the poor and needy

Father, we pray for all the poor in our community and in the land. Your Word teaches us that there will always be poor people in the land and You command us to be openhanded toward the poor and needy in our land. (*Deut.15:11*)

Will You raise the poor in our community from the dust and lift the needy from the ash heap. (*1 Sam.2:8*) Lord, be a refuge for the poor when evildoers try to frustrate their plans. (*Ps.14:6*) Father, will You listen to the poor when they call on You, save them out of all their troubles. (*Ps.34:6*) Who is like you, O Lord? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them. (*Ps.35:10*) Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. (*Ps.82:3*) May the poor people's profit not be swept away by injustice. (*Prov.13:23*)

We pray for the church in our community and land to give generously to the poor. May Christians and non-Christians understand that he who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and that the Lord will reward him for what he has done. (*Prov.19:17*)

We pray for more Christians to care about justice for the poor (*Prov.29:7*), to speak up for the poor, to judge fairly and to defend the rights of the poor and needy. (*Prov.31:9*) Give us a new willingness and desire to share our food with the

hungry and to provide shelter for those that do not have shelter and to clothe the naked. (*Prov.58:7*) May the good news be preached to the poor (*Matt.11:5*) and may the poor and needy praise Your name. (*Ps.74:21*)

3.28 For the church

Lord God, we pray that You, who give endurance and encouragement, give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to accept one another, just as Christ accepted us, in order to bring praise to You. (*Rom.15:5-7*) May You, Lord of hope, fill us with all joy and peace, as we trust in You, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Rom.15:13*)

Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, comfort us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from You. (*2 Cor.1:3-5*) We pray that Christians will not do anything wrong. (*2 Cor.13:7*) Our prayer is for your perfection to be made visible in the believers. (*2 Cor.13:9*) We will continue to pray until Christ is formed in the believers. (*Gal.4:19*)

Father, we pray that You may strengthen us with power through Your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And that we will be rooted and established in love, and that we may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is, and know this love that surpasses knowledge. And that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to You who are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within us, to You be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! (*Eph.3:14-21*)

3.29 For the church

Father, we pray for all the believers, that whenever we open our mouths, words may be given to us so that we will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. (*Eph.6:18-20*) And we pray too, that You may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. We pray that we may proclaim it clearly, as we should. (*Col.4:3-4*) Father, we pray together with all the saints that we who proclaim the Word will be protected from the unbelievers and that our words will be acceptable to all who hear it. (*Rom.15:30-32*) We pray that

those of us who preach the gospel may stand firmly in the will of God, that we will be spiritually mature and obedient. *(Col.4:12)* Lord, You did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. *(2 Tim.1:7)*

Father, we pray that You will pour out Your Spirit of prayer and supplication on us so that we will devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. *(Col.4:2)* We pray for a Church that will cry out to you night and day and that You will do justice to us, that You will make right what is wrong in our communities as You promised us. *(Luk.18:7; 1 Thess.3:9-13)*

Thank You Father that we may be confident that You who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. And this is our prayer: that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of our God. *(Phil.1:6-11)*

3.30 For the church

Lord, because You are near we will not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our requests to You. And may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. *(Phil.4:5-7)* Lord, as the church we ask that You will meet all our needs according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. *(Phil.4:19-20)*

Lord, You who supply seed to the sower and bread for food, we ask that You will also supply and increase our store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of righteousness. That we will be made rich in every way so that we can be generous on every occasion, and that our generosity will result in thanksgiving to You. *(2 Cor.9:10-11)* We want to pray without ceasing for the church asking that You will fill us with the knowledge of Your will, and also with spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that we may live a life worthy of You, Lord, and that we may please You in every way: bearing fruit in every good work. *(Col.1:2-11)*

Father, we constantly pray that You may count us worthy of Your calling, and that by Your power we may fulfill every good purpose of yours and that everything we do, will be prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus

may be glorified. (2 *Thess.1:11-12*) Father, we pray that You will deliver us from wicked and evil men. You are faithful, and You will strengthen and protect us from the evil one. Lord, fill our hearts with God's love and Christ's perseverance. (2 *Thess.3:1-5*)

3.31 Jesus Christ, our Advocate with God

Father God, You are the Creator of all mankind (*Gen.5:2*). We confess that in Adam all of us have sinned and cannot enter your glory (*Rom.3:23; 5:12*), and that our fleshly minds and nature is at enmity with You so that we cannot please You (*Rom.8:5-8*). Because of sin, we all deserve to die (*Rom.6:23*) but in Your great love for mankind and in your mercy, You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for us, while we were still your enemies! (*John 3:16; Rom.5:8*). Thank You that the blood of Jesus became the acceptable sacrifice to cleanse us from our sins, once for all (*Heb.10:10*), and that the blood of bulls and goats are no longer required (*Heb.10:4,5*). We praise You, Father God, that You have reconciled the world to Yourself, through Jesus Christ (*2 Cor.5:17-21*). Therefore, we are no longer your enemies, but through the blood of Your Son Jesus we are reconciled to You and we are at peace with You (*Col.1:18-22*).

You desire that all men on earth be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; therefore, You have declared that Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between God and men (*1 Tim.2:1-6*). We thank You, that whenever we sin, we need not to present another blood sacrifice, but that we have an Advocate with You, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and that He intercedes for us (*1 John 2:1-2; Rom.8:34*). Help us to no longer walk as the unbelievers do, because of ignorance and blindness (*Eph.4:17-18*), but to seek You, our God, and not those who cannot save (*Is.8:19*).

We declare today that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father (*John 14:6*), and that the name of Jesus Christ is the only name given whereby people can be saved (*Acts 4:10-12*). We also declare that because we believe in the name of Jesus Christ as our mediator with the Father, nothing, not death nor life, nor angels or principalities or powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing can ever again separate us from the love of Jesus! Amen.

4 Praying the Names of God

4.1 Praying the Names of the Father

Abba Father; Most High God; Compassionate and merciful God; El-Shaddai (the All-sufficient; Satisfier); The God of all comfort; The God of love and peace; The Lord your Redeemer; The Lord who has compassion on you; The Lord is my support; The Lord is my refuge; The Lord is your confidence; The King of glory; The Mighty One of Jacob; The blessed and only Ruler; The Lord of lords; The Judge; Righteous Father; My Rock in whom I take refuge; Your Shield and Helper; The Restorer (the One who gives new strength); God the Source of Hope; He who lives forever (Ancient of Days); One who melts silver (melts and purifies); Yahweh-Jireh (Provider); The Lord my Shepherd; The Lord who heals you; The Lord gives rest and peace; Your Shadow; Their Help and Shield; My Safe Stronghold; A Wall of Fire; A Rock; A Consuming Fire; A Strength/Refuge for the poor and the needy.

4.2 The Names of Jesus Christ

Christ the Lord; Christ is all and in all; The Power and the Wisdom of God; Christ our Life; The Alpha and the Omega; The Amen; The Arm of the Lord; The Beginning and the End; The Author and Finisher of our faith; The Overseer of your souls (Guardian of your life); The Bright Morning Star; The Bread that gives life (the Bread of Life); The Servant; The One who gives life to the world; The One who was pierced; The One who lives forever; The Firstborn from the dead; The Owner of the house; The Eternal Life; The Spiritual Rock; The Healer; The Great High Priest; The Ruler over the kings of the earth; The Lord; The Lord of all; The Stone that was rejected by the builders; The Power of God; The Lamb in the centre of the throne; The Lamb that was slain; The Lion from the tribe of Judah; The Author of salvation; The Leader; The Light of the world; The Man of Sorrows; The Resurrection and the Life; The Saviour of the world; The Son of God; The Prince of Peace; Messiah; The Finisher of our faith; The High Priest forever; The Wonderful Counselor; The Word of Life; The Word of God; The Wisdom of God; I AM; I am the Light of the world; I am the Resurrection and the Life; I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; The Holy and Righteous One; Immanuel; The same yesterday and today and forever; Mighty God; A Friend of tax collectors and sinners; Our Intercessor.

4.3 Names of God the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God; Your Good Spirit; Holy Spirit; His Witness; Another Comforter/Counselor; God; Eternal Spirit; Intercessor; Streams of living water;

Advocate (Helper, Comforter); The Power of the Most High; The Power of the Lord; Power from on High; Finger of God; The Spirit who gives new life; The Spirit of Wisdom; The Spirit of Liberty; The Spirit of Insight; The Spirit of Counsel and Strength; The Spirit of Knowledge and Fear of the Lord; The Spirit of prayer and supplication; The Spirit who Judges and Consumes; The Life giving Spirit; The Spirit of the Father; The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus up from the dead; The Spirit of Jesus; The Sevenfold Spirit of God; The Spirit of Holiness; The Spirit of Love; The Spirit of Truth; The Spirit of Power; The Spirit of Self-discipline; The Spirit of Adoption as children; The Spirit of Faith; The Spirit of Grace; The Guarantee of that which God has; The Spirit who gives rest; The Hand of God.