
Priests in the Royal Priesthood

Father, Your Word tells us that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to You. (1 Peter 2:9) Help us to live up to our calling. I ask for (name your church and any others you are praying for)...

We are never more like Christ than when we intercede, for He is our great high priest, who is now at Your right hand interceding for us. Help us to approach Your throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:14; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 2:9; Hebrews 4:16)

Help us to see ourselves as intercessor priests. Like Aaron and other priests in the Old Testament were sprinkled with the blood of a lamb, we are cleansed by the blood of Christ. Where they were anointed with oil, we've been anointed with the Holy Spirit. (Exodus 29:4, 21, 7)

Cleanse Us from Our Sins

And as the priests of the Old Testament had to wash their hands and feet before coming into Your presence in the Holy of Holies, so must we first confess our sins. Help us to ask, as David did, that You wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. (Exodus 30:19-20; Psalm 51:2)

As we intercede before Your throne, may we pray with our mind and with our spirit, and in the Spirit—on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Keep us alert and persistent in prayer. (1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 6:18)

May we never tire of doing what is right—living and praying as priests in a royal priesthood, a spiritual house of prayer. (2 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Peter 2:5)

Continue with personal prayer....

Make Us a House of Prayer

Father, make us a house of prayer, strengthened by the bond of unity and love that Jesus desires for us. (1 Peter 2:5; John 17:23; 13:34) I pray for (name your church and any others you are praying for)...

Father, help us to pray as the church in the Book of Acts prayed, for they were devoted to prayer! (Acts 2:42)

Lead us to pray when we're alone, as Paul and Peter did. Help us to intercede like Paul when he prayed so beautifully for the Ephesians, the Philippians and the Colossians. May our pastors and other leaders in the church give their attention primarily to prayer and the ministry of the Word. (Acts 9:11; 10:9; 9:40; Ephesians 1:15-19; 3:14-19; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-13; Acts 6:4)

Strong Together in Prayer

Make us as a church equally strong in corporate prayer, just as the early church in Acts joined together constantly in prayer. May we pray in unity as they did when they needed wisdom and guidance. May we be willing to fast and pray together. (Acts 1:14, 24; 4:24-30; 6:6; 13:1; 14:23)

Help us to pray together, as the church prayed for Peter and John when they were commanded not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. May we pray together as earnestly as those who prayed for Peter to be released from prison. Help us to pray together in all kinds of stressful situations—the way Paul and Silas prayed together in prison. (Acts 4:24-30; 12:5, 12; 16:25; 20:36; 21:5)

Knit our hearts together so that we'll pray in agreement. Make us in every way a house of prayer! (Matthew 18:19-20; 1 Peter 2:5)

Continue with personal prayer....



HOUSE OF PRAYER

PowerLine prayers reach the heart of God because they are written from His Word. This means they line up with His will—and that makes them powerful prayers that He promises to hear and answer. (1 John 5:14-15)

Read the prayers just as they appear:

“Knit our hearts together so that we’ll pray in agreement.” (Matthew 18:20)

Use the prayers as an outline. Read only a sentence or two, just enough to present a complete thought. Then add your own personal prayer:

“Knit our hearts together so that we’ll pray in agreement.” (Matthew 18:20)

You might add something like—*“Help us to pray with one heart and one mind.”*

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Make Us People of Prayer

Father, our Lord Jesus declared that His house, the church, will be a house of prayer. Before the church can be a house of prayer, we must first be individuals who pray (Luke 19:46). This is my prayer for (name your church and any others you are praying for)...

Help us to be people who pray as Jesus taught in His model prayer (the “Lord’s Prayer”). He taught us to come to You as our Father—but there may be people in our church who can’t acknowledge You as Father because they have never believed in their hearts and confessed with their mouth that Jesus is Lord. There may be those who have not repented, and unless they do, they will perish! (Matthew 6:6, 9; Romans 10:9; John 1:12; 3:3, 5, 8; Luke 13:3, 5)

Rescue the Lost

My prayer is for those who are lost. May You draw them to Christ. Rescue them out of the dominion of darkness, and make them alive with Christ. Open their eyes so that they may call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved—that they may call You Father! (John 6:44, 65; Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 2:5; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Romans 10:13)

May the day come that we join together as Your children, coming to hallow Your name and worship You. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done in our lives. Help us to daily as You to meet our needs and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Don’t let us be led into temptation or be put to the test. Deliver us from the evil one—especially when he tries to keep us from being people of prayer who will make our church a house of prayer. (Romans 8:15-17; Matthews 6:9-13)

Continue with personal prayer....

May We Pray as Jesus Prayed

Father, help us to be people of prayer, the way Jesus was a man of prayer. (Hebrews 5:7) I ask it for (name your church and any others you are praying for)...

Deliver us from casual and inconsistent prayer lives. Jesus is to be our example and role model in every way. Help us imitate Him, especially His prayer life. May we be those who seek solitary places to spend time alone with You. (1 Thessalonians 1:6; Luke 5:16)

Everything by Prayer

Help us to bathe the important decisions and occasions in life in prayer as Jesus did. He prayed at His baptism and He prayed all night before selecting His 12 disciples. He was praying when You revealed to Peter that Jesus is the Christ, and when He was transfigured on the mountain. Jesus prayed before He raised Lazarus, before He went to the cross, and as He was dying. May prayer be that constant in our lives. (Luke 3:21; 6:12; 9:18-20, 29, John 11:41-42; Matthew 26:39, 42, 44; Luke 23:34, 46)

May we pray as Jesus did in the early morning and during the day, at night and even through the night. May our prayers be filled with thanksgiving, and may we praise You as freely as He did. May we pray with His passion, and seek to glorify Your name in our prayers. May we be as confident as Christ that our prayers are being heard. (Mark 1:35; Luke 4:42; 9:18; Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12; 22:41-42, 44; 23:34; John 17:6-19, 20-26; Luke 22:32; Matthew 19:13; Luke 9:28; Mark 6:41; 8:6-7; Luke 10:21-22; 22:44; Hebrews 5:7; John 12:28; 11:41-42)

Help us to become increasingly like Jesus as we grow into the house of prayer that He desires us to be. (Romans 8:29)

Continue with personal prayer....

Make Us Effective in Prayer

Father, fill us with both the desire and the will to grow in our prayer lives, to have lives that are characterized by effective, fervent prayer. (Psalm 37:4; James 5:16; Matthew 6:9-13) I ask this for (name your church and any others you are praying for)...

You seek those who will worship You in spirit and in truth. May our prayers be filled with such worship. Help us to come to You as dependent children. Teach us to pray expectantly with faith, trusting that You not only know what we need before we ask, but You desire to give us even more than what we ask. (John 4:23; Matthew 6:9; Mark 11:24; Matthew 7:7-8; 6:8; 7:9-11)

Faithful to Pray

Help us to be faithful intercessors. Don’t let us sin by failing to pray for others. (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Samuel 12:23; Isaiah 62:6)

Keep us faithful to pray for those in authority and for the lost. Help us to pray as we should for the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the fields. (1 Timothy 2:1-4; Luke 10:2)

When we don’t know what to pray for others, may we trust Your Spirit to help us in our weakness and intercede for us. Help us to pray without ceasing, and may we never give up. (Romans 8:26-27; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Psalm 141:2)

May we give thanks to You in and for all things. That requires a great measure of faith—help our faith to grow, so that we might please You. May we know You as One who rewards such faith. Reward us by making us a house of prayer for all nations. (Philippians 4:6; Ephesians 5:20; Hebrews 11:6; Mark 11:17)

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