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## Let Your Hand Be with Us

Father, let Your hand be with me and these I pray for, that we may live the life that allows You to hear our prayers without hindrance. (1 Chronicles 4:10; Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 66:18; 1 Peter 3:7; Proverbs 21:13; Ezekiel 14:3; Lamentations 3:8) May it be so for myself and for (name those for whom you are praying)...

Holy Father, let Your hand be with us—that we may seek Your face, knowing You will be found. May we choose to dwell in Your love and in Your presence. May we be so close to You that we know and pray according to Your will. You promise that if we do, we will receive whatever we ask. (Jeremiah 29:13-14; John 15:9; Psalm 91:1-2; James 4:8; 1 John 5:14-15)

### May Our Prayers Bring You Glory

Let Your hand be with us—that we may be those who continue the work of our Lord Jesus, doing even greater things than He did because He has gone to live with You and sent us His Spirit. May we live with faith in Jesus, praying in His name (according to His nature and His character, from His point of view) for those things that will glorify You. (John 14:12-14, 16-17)

### Walk in Confidence and Obedience

Let Your hand be with us—so that we may have hearts that do not condemn us. May we have confidence before You and receive from You anything we ask, because we obey Your commands and do what pleases You. Enable us to abide in Christ, and Christ and His words in us, that we may bear much fruit—fruit for Your glory. (1 John 3:21-22; John 15:7-8, 16)

*Continue with personal prayer....*

## Keep Us from Evil

Father, keep us from evil, that we may not cause pain! This is our desire for every aspect of our lives, but especially as we feel the need to pray for others with effectiveness. The greatest pain we could cause others through our prayer lives would be in failing to pray. I ask You to protect us from the sin, from the evil, of prayerlessness (1 Chronicles 4:10; 1 Samuel 12:23) for myself and these for whom I'm praying (name those for whom you are praying)...

### Live Upright Lives

Keep us from evil—help us to walk blameless and upright, that we may fear You and refuse to be involved with evil. Through our reverent fear of and respect for You may we hate evil and choose to avoid it. (Job 1:8; Proverbs 8:13)

Keep us from evil—especially keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking lies. Help us to seek peace and pursue it, to hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Your eyes are on the righteous and Your ears are attentive to their cries. May You give attention to our prayers, especially as we pray for others. (Psalm 121:7; 34:13; 1 Peter 3:11; Romans 12:9; Romans 12:21; Psalm 34:15)

### Keep Us Free from Snares

Keep us from evil—I ask You to keep watch over our lips, to keep us free from snares. Help us to be effective, especially in prayer. Keep us from willful sin and deceitful ways. Help us to avoid every kind of evil—and strengthen and protect us from the evil one. (Psalm 141:3, 9; 19:13; Matthew 9:4)

*Continue with personal prayer....*

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EXPAND OUR  
PRAYER LIVES

These prayers are based on Jabez' prayer found in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10:

“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers.” He prayed, “...that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from evil... And God granted his request.”

These prayers focus Jabez' prayer on our prayer lives, that we may be increasingly effective in prayer.

### Read the prayers just as they appear:

“Enable us to abide in Christ. ...” (John 15:7-8)

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

“Enable us to abide in Christ. ...” (John 15:7-8)  
You might add something like—“*Help us to have a sense of His presence as we pray.*”

May God respond to the cry of your heart with increased favor and blessing in your prayer life.

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## For God's Glory

Father, thank You for Jabez' life and for his prayer—and Your answer—that are recorded in Scripture. In the spirit of his prayer I pray for myself and others that You will bless and extend the effectiveness of our prayer lives. I ask for Your kingdom purpose, for Your glory, for the honor of Your name. (1 Chronicles 4:9-10; John 14:13; 15:7-8) Hear my prayers for myself and (name those for whom you are praying)...

### Humble and Honorable Living

Father, Your Word tells us that Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. We would not, however, consider ourselves more honorable than our brothers. But like the writer of Hebrews, may we “have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.” (Hebrews 13:18)

May we live honorably—humbly, as Jabez must have lived. You esteem those who are humble and contrite in spirit, those who tremble at Your Word. Jabez lived at a time when everyone did as he saw fit—much like today. May we be different, as Jabez was, honoring You with our lives and our surrender to You. (Proverbs 25:27; Isaiah 66:2b; Judges 17:6; 21:25; James 4:10; 1 Samuel 2:30; Romans 12:1-2)

### Worshippers of the One True God

May we live honorably—worshiping You as the one true God, as Jabez must have done, for he is noted as honorable at a time when Your people were idolatrous. Help us turn from any idol in our lives, from anything more important to us than You—that You might hear our prayers. (Jeremiah 10:10; Judges 2:11-12; 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1; Ezekiel 14:3)

*Continue with personal prayer...*

## Bless Our Prayer Lives

Father, Jabez prayed that You would bless him indeed. For myself and these others, I ask the same: bless us indeed—that we may be blessed to be a blessing in the lives of others through our prayers. (1 Chronicles 4:9-10) I ask it for myself and (name those for whom you are praying)...

### Children of Light

Father, bless us indeed in our prayer lives—that we will be faithful to build a personal relationship with You. Give us a heart for intercession—for praying for others with both mind and spirit. (Genesis 12:2-3; John 17:3; Matthew 6:6, 9-13; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Corinthians 14:15)

Bless us indeed in our prayer lives—that we may live as children of light. May we be filled with Your Spirit, be strong in You and Your mighty power, clothed in Your full armor, and strengthened to stand our ground and pray in the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:8-9; Ephesians 4:22-23; 5:18; 6:10, 11, 13, 18)

### Confident Watchmen on the Wall

Bless us indeed in our prayer lives—that we might be effective watchmen on the wall, willing to stand before You on behalf of others. Help us approach Your throne with confidence, to receive mercy and find grace in our time of need as we pray for others. (Ezekiel 22:30; 1 Peter 2:9; Hebrews 4:16; Matthew 7:7-8)

Bless us indeed in our prayer lives—may we never fail to receive because we haven't asked, or because our motives are wrong. Grant us repentance, so that with clean hands and pure hearts we may come to Your holy hill and stand in Your holy place as You hear our prayers. (James 4:2-3; Acts 5:31; Psalm 24:3-4; Psalm 65:2)

*Continue with personal prayer...*

## Expand Our Prayers

Father, Jabez asked You to enlarge his territory, expand his influence. This was a bold request, but surely not a proud one. For it's when Your people humble themselves, pray, seek Your face and turn from their wicked ways that You hear their prayers. (2 Chronicles 7:14; James 4:3)

May my heart be truly unselfish as I come to ask You to enlarge the territory of my prayer life and the prayer lives of these I bring in prayer—not for our glory, but for the glory of Your name. (Psalm 115:1) I pray for myself and (name those for whom you are praying)...

### Pray without Ceasing

Enlarge the territory of our prayer lives—help us to pray for more people with greater depth of understanding than ever before. Don't let us sin by failing to pray for someone. Give us an increased desire to pray without ceasing. (1 Samuel 12:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18)

Enlarge the territory of our prayer lives —by helping us pray with a greater understanding of the need to persevere in prayer, to always pray and not give up, to be bold in coming before Your throne, and to be those who cry out to You day and night. (Luke 11:5-8; Luke 18:1, 2-5, 7)

### Faith to Move Mountains

Enlarge the territory of our prayer lives—by granting us the faith to move mountains, to believe we have received what we have asked in prayer. May we have the faith of Elijah, through whose prayers You released fire from heaven and stopped the rain. (Matthew 21:21-22; 1 Kings 18:16-39; James 5:17-18)

*Continue with personal prayer...*