
Sermon on the Mount

Father, our Lord Jesus said everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks the door will be opened. That promise comes in the context of His Sermon on the Mount, laying out the way we're to live. We can't live that way apart from the power of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 7:8; Matthew 5-7; Ephesians 5:18), so I pray for His filling in my life and for (name one or more)....

Humility and Desperation

May we be humble and poor in spirit, realizing our unworthiness apart from Your mercy and grace. May we mourn over our sins, aware of how desperately we need You. Help us to be meek and without pride, and to hunger and thirst for righteousness. May we be peacemakers, and if persecuted, let it be for righteousness. (Matthew 5:3-9)

May our righteousness be greater than that of the Pharisees, who fasted, prayed, tithed, and attended their synagogues regularly—but their hearts were not Yours. (Matthew 5: 20; Luke 18:11-12; 11:42-43)

Right Relationships and Trust in the Lord

Help us be reconciled to everyone. If someone strikes us on one cheek, may we turn the other. Help us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. May we give to the needy, spend time in prayer every day, and learn to fast. (Matthew 5:22, 23, 39, 44; 6:2, 6, 9-13, 16)

May we not store up treasures on earth, but treasures in heaven, serving You alone. May we seek Your kingdom and righteousness above everything else, for then what we need will be given to us. May we ask, seek and knock in prayer. May we be recognized by good fruit in our lives, and know You in a deeply personal way. May we hear Christ's words and put them into practice. (Matthew 6:19-20, 24, 25-33; 7: 7-8, 16, 23, 24)

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Whatever We Ask

Father, our Lord Jesus promised we can have “whatever we ask.” Yet, there are conditions attached to those promises. Help us to live and pray in such a way that we meet those conditions and receive whatever we ask according to Your kingdom purpose and glory. I pray this for myself and for [name one or more]....

May we live with hearts that do not condemn us, but are obedient and pleasing to You. Help us to abide in Christ, surrendering our lives to You completely. Through the Spirit who indwells us, may Christ and His words abide in us.

(1 John 3:21-22; Romans 12:1-2; John 15:7)

God's Will and Kingdom Purposes

May we be sensitive to Your Spirit and aware of every sin. May we confess those sins immediately, so that we can enjoy on-going fellowship with You. Help us to know Your Word so well that when we pray, we pray according to Your will. May we know Christ so intimately that we can pray in His name—according to His nature and character, from His perspective and point of view. (John 16:8; 1 John 1:9, 3; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 16:23-24, 26; 1 John 5:14-15; John 14:14)

May our prayers advance Your kingdom and glorify You. May our lives and our prayers bear lasting fruit. Teach us to agree with others in prayer, with faith that will move mountains. (John 14:12-13; 15:8, 16; Matthew 18:19; Mark 11:22-24)

Greater Boldness in Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray. Bless us to be a blessing in the lives of others through our prayers. Enlarge our prayer lives by helping us pray for more people with greater depth of understanding. Teach us to persevere in prayer and be bold before Your throne. (Luke 11:1; 1 Chronicles 4:10; Luke 18:1; Hebrews 4:16)

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LIVING TO PLEASE GOD

Scripture has many promises with conditions attached—if we live a certain way in God's strength, He promises to do certain things. If we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, the necessities of life will be given to us. (Matthew 6:33)

First, we seek; then, God provides.

This collection of prayers asks God to help us live in such a way that we meet His conditions for protection, for blessings, and for receiving whatever we ask in prayer. We will also ask for help to live in such a way that our prayers are not hindered by sin or other Scriptural roadblocks.

Pray one prayer each morning as prayer covering for the people on your heart. Name them as you read through the Scripture prayers. Even with many names, it should take less than five minutes a day.

Surely these are prayers God wants to answer. Imagine the impact in His kingdom!

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Prayers without Hindrance

Father, thank You for the clarity of Your Word. Thank You for loving us enough to show us how to make sure we have no hindrance to our prayers or to our fellowship with You. That's what I ask for myself and for these I love and pray for (name one or more)....

May we always pray with right motives—not selfishly, but seeking Your perfect will in how we pray. Help us to pray without hypocrisy or exaggeration about our prayer lives or our walk with You. (Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 66:18; James 4:3; Matthew 6:5)

Confession and Forgiveness

Help us to walk so closely with Your Spirit that we can recognize His gentle conviction. May we confess our sins quickly, without making excuses. May we forgive others unconditionally as an act of will and obedience, which we can do only in the strength of Your indwelling Spirit. (Matthew 6:12; John 16:8; 1 John 1:9; Mark 11:25)

May there be no idols in our lives, nothing more important than You. Enable us to live obedient lives, pleasing to You. (Ezekiel 14:3; 1 John 3:21-12)

Generous and Gracious Living

Help us to be generous in giving of both our resources and ourselves. May those who are married seek to honor and respect one another. May we all be rightly related to everyone, willing to reconcile any relationship and live at peace as far as it depends on us. (Proverbs 21:13; 1 Peter 3:7; Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:18)

Help us to pray in faith, confident in Your promises as we live and pray according to Your Word. May we understand and trust Your promises in the context of the Scripture passages in which they appear, and with the counsel of the whole Word of God. (James 1:6-7; Mark 11:24)

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Protection of Psalm 91

Father, thank You for Psalm 91, which invites us to live in Your presence, promising shelter and protection as we do. Help us make that choice daily, for myself and these I love and pray for (name one or more)....

May we be eager to dwell in the secret place—the shelter and protection of Your presence, for You are our Most High God. May we find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. May we know You as the Lord *Jehovah*—our refuge, fortress, and our God in whom we trust. (Psalm 91:1-2)

Your Presence and Refuge

As we choose to live in Your presence, You save us from Satan's snares. We find our refuge and place of safety beneath Your wings. In Your presence we have no reason to fear the evil one, no matter how many others may fall under his influence. (Psalm 91:3-8)

Give us the desire to choose You, our Most High God, as our dwelling and refuge. You have said if we do, You will protect us from harm. While we are not promised a trouble-free life, You have promised that when we love You and are called according to Your purpose, all things work together for our good. (Psalm 91:9-10; Romans 8:28)

Your Promises and Protection

May we choose live in Your presence, as You command Your angels to guard us in all our ways. (Psalm 91:11-13)

May we love You—for then You will rescue us. May we acknowledge Your name—for then You will protect us. May we be people of prayer—for when we call upon You, You will answer. Be with us in our troubles by delivering us, honoring us, and satisfying us with long life. Show us Your salvation, *Y'shua*: Jesus, our Lord. (Psalm 91:14-16)

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Blessings in the Psalms

Father, Your psalms are full of promises of blessing, but these blessings clearly depend upon the choices we make. May we live in Your strength to please You, so that we may receive Your promised blessings. I ask this for myself and for (name one or more)....

Looking to the Lord Alone

May we spend time in Your Word, meditating day and night. May Your Word give us clear understanding of our sins; may Your Spirit lead us to confess those sins daily. (Psalm 1:2; 32:1-2)

May we live with clean hands and pure hearts; never lying and always telling the truth. We pray that we will neither respect nor turn aside to false gods or idols. May we always have regard for the weak, blessing them in person and in prayer. Help us to live in unity with others. May we fear You without being afraid and receive Your discipline as evidence of Your love. (Psalm 24:3-5; 40:4; 32:2; 41:1; 133:1-3; 112:1; 94:12, 18; Proverbs 3:12)

Righteous Living in the Lord's Strength

Strengthen us to live righteous lives and make right choices. May we seek our refuge in You as our rock, our fortress, our shelter from the storm. May we trust in Your unfailing love, for You have promised never to fail or forsake us. (Romans 6:14, 18; Psalm 34:8; 2 Samuel 22:2; Psalm 91:2; Isaiah 25:4; 90:14; Hebrews 13:5; Psalm 84:12)

May we acclaim You as Lord of our lives, rejoicing in Your name and exulting in Your righteousness. May our ways be blameless as we live according to Your Word; may we seek You with all our hearts. (Psalm 89:15-16; 119:1-2)

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