PRAYER | SCRIPTURE READING | FASTING

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CONSECRATION: Making sacred; dedicating to the service and worship of God; separated from a common use to a sacred use. Metaphorically, meaning perfect although not faultless, but bringing to a state of completion and fulfillment. To renew; to complete, mature, reaching the intended goal; to finish a work or duty.

SCHEDULE
21 Day Consecration Period May 7 - 27, 2017
21 Days of Prayer 5:00AM, 9:00PM & MIDNIGHT daily
Prayer Line #: 605-475-4000 code: 349207#

CONSECRATION MENU
May 8 – 12; 15 – 19; 22-26
Drink: Water, Juices, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee and Ginger Ale
Eat: Fruit, Vegetables, Beans, Potatoes, Meatless Soups and Garden Salads

Saturdays and Sundays
A Moderate Meal from the Consecration Menu
Throughout the Consecration Period, please observe total abstinence on Tuesdays and Fridays in accordance with our regular fast days until 3PM.
## ENHANCED CALL IN PRAYER FOCUS SCHEDULE

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CONSECRATION MENU INSTRUCTIONS

• ABSTAIN from the following foods throughout the Consecration Period: Beef * Pork * Scavenger meats (shrimp, etc.) * Breads * Pastries * Desserts * Dairy Products * Salty foods * Fried foods * Fatty foods * Fast foods * Sugar * Salt * Junk foods * Caffeine * Pasta

• Foods you may INCLUDE: Skinless chicken * Skinless fish * Fresh juices (not from Concentrate) * Oatmeal * Fresh fruit * Granola * Brown rice * Fresh vegetables

• Drink plenty of water daily. In addition, pure fruit juices may be consumed. Cranberry juice is recommended to flush the kidneys.

PLEASE NOTE: Diets and mealtimes may be adjusted as needed for medical purposes. Diabetics and individuals under a doctor’s care are encouraged to consult your physician concerning the fast. At the end of the Consecration Period, take two days to transition back into your regular diet, by eating non-heavy foods and drinking plenty of liquids.

IMPORTANCE OF WATER

Drink plenty of water daily. While fasting, the body has more waste to get rid of. This is why it is important to consume appropriate amounts of water during the fast.

Water intake:
• Morning: Drink 1 quart of water over a 30 minute period.
• Noon: Drink 1 quart of water over a 30 minute period.
• Evening: Drink 1 quart of water between 5 pm and 6 pm.

The overweight person needs to consume an additional glass of water for every 25 pounds of excess weight. In addition, when the body is thirsty, water should be taken immediately. This drinking schedule brings the body’s fluids into balance. This causes more fat to be used as
fuel. It alleviates fluid retention, helps maintain muscle tone and causes a natural decrease in appetite. When the body’s fluids are balanced, the body does not require or crave food as much as when it is out of balance.

CONSECRATION OBSERVATIONS

During the Consecration Period, please observe the following:
- Determine the one thing that you will abstain from during the 21 day consecration. (Ex. TV, social media, social activities, etc.)
- Increase prayer time.
- Maintain a DAILY prayer/consecration journal to include your petitions, scriptures read, daily activity and any inspiration given or revealed to you by the Lord.
- Tithe at least two hours and forty minutes each day through prayer, study of the Word, meditation or just being still.
- Avoid secular TV, radio and magazines. (Options include Inspirational and spiritual enhancement viewing and reading.)
- Limit and/or avoid excessive social telephone calls.
- Limit or alleviate all social media activity that does not glorify God or edify believers. (Do not allow yourself to become distracted by distractible vices. Everybody you have befriended and converse with through social media may not share nor honor your time of Consecration. However, if you feel impressed of God to share an inspiration, be lead of God in your sharing, and remain focused.)
- Try to include some type of fitness activity – walking, daily stretching and deep breathing, floor exercises, light weights, etc.
- Married couples “do not deprive one another except with consent for a time…” (1 Corinthians 7:5a)
- Parents are encouraged to include expanded time with their children during the consecration period, and to share with them the essence of denial and discipline as a part of a vibrant relationship with God. This includes limited access to video games and abstinence from fast foods.
- Pray, not so much for things, but to know God better.
- Be specific in your prayer petitions
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FASTING

Isaiah 58:1-14 and Matthew 6:16-18

Fasting should be accompanied by the following:

• Self Denial (Deuteronomy 9:18)
• Confession of Sin (1 Samuel 7:6; Nehemiah 9:1-2)
• Mourning (Joel 2:12-13)
• Reading the Scriptures (Jeremiah 36:6)
• Prayer (Daniel 9:3)

Fasting requires our limiting or completely denying intake of food, drink or both for a period of time, and is done with a desire for some accomplishment. Its significance is in how you approach it and what you do with it. However, recognize that if you fast, you will benefit physically as well as spiritually. There is no doubt that for the average, a healthy person’s fasting results in good health in that fasting cleanses the system—the digestive, circulatory, nervous and other systems. But in addition to the physical benefit and value of fasting, fasting has a great spiritual value. Isaiah 58 is entirely devoted to the subject of fasting. It allows us to know that we fast to break the yokes of bondage and to let the oppressed go free.

When we fast like God instructs us to, we get closer to Him and our lands are healed. When consecrating and fasting, you must remind yourself throughout the fast that Christ suffered for our sins. Thus Christians fast as a reminder of their goals of spirituality and growth. This is nothing new, but it is a Christian tradition as old as the call of God. In Old Testament times, fasting was a part of life. David wrote in Psalm 35, “… I humbled myself with fasting …” In Leviticus 16, when the law regarding the Day of Atonement was given, that day was called “a day of fasting.” On that great day the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies on behalf of the people to bring God a sacrifice representing the repented, humble spirits of the people.
In later times, when Luke wrote about fasting, recorded in Acts 27, he called it the fast day. In the Old Testament writings, Ezra called fasts at the time of the reconstruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. Esther called a seventy-two hour fast when her people stood in jeopardy because of the edict of the king. The people of Nineveh fasted and prayed because they wanted to find favor in the sight of God. They were honored for their acts. It gripped them in such a way that their spiritual lives were not only reinforced, but also re-channeled.

Illustrations of fasting appear all through the Scriptures. Moses practiced fasting. So did Elijah, Nehemiah and Isaiah. The New Testament carries many stories of fasting. Jesus abstained forty days when He prepared Himself for His ministry. Anna was fasting when she held the Christ child. In the context of life, Jesus said, “When you fast…” In other words, it was a habit, a part of the curriculum of the faithful. Before Saul and Barnabas began their mission travels, they fasted with the church.

Fasting cannot be taken without a serious commitment and a desire to see your fast through to its conclusion. When you commit yourself, you will receive...

- Divine Guidance (Judges 20:26)
- Victory over Temptation (Matthew 4:2-11) Remember while fasting, safe guard yourself and …
- Avoid Display (Matthew 6:16-18)
- Remember God (Zechariah 7:5-7)
- Chasten the Soul (Psalm 69:10)
- Humble the Soul (Psalm 35:13)
- Consider the True Meaning of Fasting (Isaiah 58)
INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIBLE READING

Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures give us. (Romans 15:4)

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading
As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue” between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God and about yourself.
• Set aside time to read the Bible on a daily basis.
• Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day’s reading.
• Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

Here are some suggestions to guide you in your daily reading:
• Read the passage for the first time without stopping in order to gain an overall sense of what is being said.
• Read the passage a second time, asking yourself questions about the text: In what book of the Bible is this passage found? Is it a prophetic book? A historical book? A book of poetry? A Gospel? A letter? Who are the main characters? Where do the events take place? What key words or phrases are repeated? What is the intent or purpose of the passage?
• Read the passage a third time, reflecting on these questions: What did I learn about God? What did I learn about human nature? What did I learn about my own relationship to God?

PRAYER FOCUS
As you pray during the Consecration Period, place at the forefront of your prayers a renewed relationship with God. Pray for spiritual sensitivity to His will, and invoke the more of His presence in your life. Desire higher heights and deeper depths in Christ, and diligently seek His direction in all things. Petition His Spirit to penetrate the hearts of
His people to a new awareness of the time and season in which we live. Pray for the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit, and for the healing of minds, bodies and spirits. Pray that His purpose for your life will be realized, and that you will be found walking worthy of the vocation to which you have been called. “Seek, first, the spiritual things of God, then ask what ye will... and it shall be done, saith the Lord.” In addition to the above mentioned, please include the following in your prayers:

1. Pastor Washington, Michele and family
2. The Ministry of Phillips Temple Church: The leadership team and entire membership; manifestation and fulfillment of the Vision; the effective execution of that to which we have been called; a vibrant and healthy ministry of in-reach and outreach
3. Completion of all phases of property and facility renovations
4. The Christian Methodist Episcopal; Presiding Bishop Marvin Thomas and family, members of the General Board, and the tiers of leadership throughout the church at all levels
5. Christian leaders and ministerial persons throughout Christiandom; that the Gospel would be proclaimed with power and that the church would stand as a beacon light in this sinful world
6. The Saints everywhere
7. President Donald Trump and family, Governor John Kasich, Mayor Mary McDonald and Mayor Nan Waley and all national, state and local governmental officials; that they will execute their responsibilities for the betterment of the people according to the will of God
8. The City of Trotwood/Dayton and the surrounding counties; that murders would cease and that the systemic ills that plague our city would be addressed and bettered
9. The sick and convalesced. Healing of bodies, souls and spirits
10. Peace in the land
11. The saving of souls; that sinners would accept the Lord Jesus Christ, and that believers would be filled with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost
12. Our brothers and sisters in Africa; the many women and children that have been kidnapped from their families
13. The Nation of Israel
14. Our families and our friends
15. The youth of our church and nation; that their futures are not aborted, and that they are able to stand against the satanic vices of the day
16. The many U.S. Troops serving abroad and their families
17. The aborting of satanic plots of oppression, suppression and depression
18. The desires of God’s people according to His will
19. The eradication of financial bondage amongst the saints and adherence to the financial blessing principles as given in Scripture
20. Manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit
21. Realization and manifestation of miracles, blessings and favor upon God’s people; that the season of magnificent

FIVE GENERAL GOALS

1. To increase our faith in God.
2. To practice daily concentrated prayer.
3. To glorify God through praise and thanksgiving.
4. To petition God for our needs and desires through the name of Jesus Christ.
5. To expect and answer to our prayer through faith in Christ Jesus.

JUST FORTY-FIVE MINUTES OF YOUR TIME EACH DAY WILL WORK MIRACLES IN YOUR LIFE. WILL YOU TRY IT?
Fifteen minutes each day: You talk to God.
Fifteen minutes each day: Let the Lord talk to you.
Fifteen minutes each day: You talk to someone else about the Lord.

WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

Because we have an invitation from Jesus, “Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be open unto you.” Mathew 7:7

Prayer glorifies God! “I will do whatever you as in my name, so that the Father may be glorified.” John 14:13

In order to experience the closeness of God, “The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth.” Psalm 145:18

In order to experience the comfort of God. I His time of need, Jesus turned to prayer – should we do less? John 17

In order to experience the forgiveness of God, “If my people – pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

For personal needs, “My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

OBSTACLES OF PRAYER

Sin, “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have
separated you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear. “ Isaiah 59:1-2

**Selfishness,** “ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it up on your lust” Jeremiah 4:3

**Pride,** “For the wicked boasts of his heart’s desire, and the greedy man curses and spurns the Lord. The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him” Psalm 10:3-4

**An Unforgiving Spirit,** “And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any, that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” Mark 11:25

**Inhumanity,** “Who so stoppeth his ear at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.”

**Doubt,** “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given. But let him as in Faith, doubting nothing. For the one who doubts is like a surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. Let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord.” Jeremiah 1:5-7

**Disobedience,** “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” 1 John 3:22

THE COMPONENTS OF PRAYER

Adoration and Praise, Psalm 63:3
Thanksgiving, Philippians 4:6
Confession, Romans 10:10
Intercession, 1 Timothy 2:1
Petition, Acts 12:5
HELPERS FOR EFFECTIVE PRAYER

Where to Pray: Elisha shut the door and prayed (2 Kings 4:33), go to your room and pray in secret (Matthew 6:22), Peter prayed on the roof (Acts 10:9).

When to Pray: In the morning I will pray (Psalm 5:3), evening, morning and noon I meditate (Psalm 55:17), Daniel prayed three times a day (Daniel 6:10, 13)

Jesus in Prayer: He prayed for Peter’s faith not to fail (Luke 22:32) He lives to pray for us (Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:34), the Lord’s Prayer (Jeremiah 17)

The Righteous in Prayer: Isaac prayed for his wife because she was barren (Genesis 25:21), as Moses’ hands were held up the Israelites succeeded in battle (Exodus 17:11,12), David prayed for Bathsheba’s child (2 Samuel 12:16), Peter prayed for dead Tabitha (Acts 9:40), the church prayed for Peter in prison (Acts 8:15)

Prayer about needs: Moses cried to the Lord about the bitter water (Exodus 15:25), about the lack of water (Exodus 17:4), Hannah prayed for a child (1 Samuel 1:10-17), one thing have I asked of the Lord (Psalm 27:4), David prayed for the Lord to confirm his word (2 Samuel 7:18-29; 1 Chronicles 17:16-17), Hezekiah prayed to the Lord when mortally ill (2 Kings 20:2), Elijah praying for the child’s healing (1 Kings. 17:21).

PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

What does it mean to pray in the Holy Ghost, to pray in this manner means to pray with intense earnestness (Acts 12:5, Romans 8:26). This kind of prayer is intelligent praying, it is praying with perfect wisdom for things that are according to the will of God (Romans 8:27). It is prayer
that is prayed with complete assurance that God has heard and answered our prayer (Mark 11:24). It is prayer that is determined to get what we ask from God (Ephesians 6:18). In order to pray in this manner we must surrender ourselves unreservedly to God (Acts 5:32). We must obey God in every department of our lives (John 14:13,14). We must completely rely on God, not our own ability (Zechariah 4:6). We must ask God to guide us as we pray.

ASKING GOD FOR A HEART TO PRAY

Father, in the name of Jesus, I offer up thanksgiving that You have called me to be a fellow workman - a joint promoter and a laborer together - with and for You. I commit myself to pray and not to turn coward - faint, lose heart, or give up.

Fearlessly and confidently and boldly I draw near to the throne of grace that I may receive mercy and appropriate help, well timed for every need - when I (and others) need it. This is the confidence that I have in You, that, if I ask anything according to Your will, You hear me, and if I know that You hear me, whatsoever I ask, I know that I have the petitions that I desired of You.

When I do not know what prayer to offer and how to offer it worthily as I ought, I thank You, Father that the Holy Spirit comes to my aid and bears me up in my weakness (my inability to produce results). He, the Holy Spirit, goes to meet my unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance. And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit intercedes and pleads in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God’s will. Therefore, I am assured and know that (God being a partner in my labor) all things work together and are (fitting into a plan) for my good, because I Love God and am called according to His design and purpose.
I do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything by prayer and petition me and drew me to Yourself out of the control and dominion of darkness (obscurity) and transferred me into the kingdom of the Son of Your love. I will confess and praise You, O Lord my God, with my whole (united) heart; and I will glorify Your name for evermore.

As a bond servant of Jesus Christ, I receive and develop the talents which have been given me, for I would have You say of me, “Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant!” I make use of the gifts (faculties, talent, qualities) according to the grace given me. I let my light so shine before praiseworthy, noble and good deeds, and recognize and honor and praise and glorify my Father Who is in heaven.

In the name of Jesus, I allow my life to lovingly express truth in all things - speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly. Whatever I do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him. Whatever may be my task, I work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for the Lord and not for men. To God the Father be all glory and honor and praise. Amen.

KNOWING GOD’S WILL

Father, I thank You that You are instructing me in the way which I should go and that You are guiding me with Your eye. I thank You for Your guidance and leading concerning Your will, Your plan, and Your purpose for my life. I do hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, for I know You and follow You. You lead me in the paths of righteousness for Your name’s sake.

Thank You, Father, that Jesus was made unto me wisdom. Confusion is not a part of my life. I am not confused about Your will for my life. I trust in You and lean not unto my own understanding. As I
acknowledge You in all my ways. You are directing my paths. I believe that as I trust in You completely, You will show me the path of life.

REVIVAL

Father, in the name of Jesus, You have revived us, the Phillips Temple family, again that we, Your people, may rejoice in You. Thank You for showing us Your mercy and lovingkindness, O Lord, and for granting us Your salvation. You have created in us a clean heart, O God, and renewed a right, persevering and steadfast spirit within us. You have restored unto us the joy of Your salvation, and You are upholding us with a willing spirit. Now we will teach transgressors Your Ways, and sinners shall be converted and return to You.

We therefore cleanse our ways by taking heed and keeping watch [on ourselves] according to Your Word [conforming our lives to it]. Since Your [great] promises are ours, we cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles our bodies and spirits, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the (reverential) fear of God. With You and of You, and yearning for You; O let us not wander or step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from Your commandments. Your Word have we laid up in our hearts, that we might not sin against You. Jesus, thank You for cleansing us through the Word - the teaching - which You have given us.

We delight ourselves in Your statutes; we will not forget Your Word. Deal bountifully with Your servants, that we may live; and we will observe Your Word [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it].

Father, in the name of Jesus, we are doers of the Word, and not merely listeners to it. It is You, O most High, Who has revived and stimulated us according to Your Word! Thank You for turning away our eyes from beholding vanity [idols and idolatry]; and restoring us to vigorous life and health in Your ways. Behold, we long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give Phillips Temple renewed life. This is our comfort and
consolation in our affliction, that Your Word has revived us and given us life.

We the members of Phillips Temple strip ourselves of our former nature - put off and discard our old unrenewed selves - which characterized our previous manner of life. We are constantly renewed in the spirit of our minds - having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude; and we put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness. Though our outer man is (progressively) decaying and wasting away, our inner self is being (progressively) renewed day after day. Hallelujah!

UNITY AND HARMONY

Father, in the name of Jesus, this is the confidence that we, the Phillips Temple family, have in You, that if we ask anything according to Your will, You hear us; and since we know that You hear us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of You.

Father, You said, Behold, they are of one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible to them (Genesis 11:6 AMP). We pray by the name of our Lord Jesus, that all of us in Your Body be in perfect harmony and full agreement in what we say, and that there be no dissensions or factions or divisions among us; but that we be perfectly united in our common understanding and in our opinions and judgments.

Holy Spirit, teach us how to agree (harmonize together, together make a symphony) about - anything and everything - so that whatever we ask will come to pass and be done for us by our Father in heaven.

We pray that as members of the Body of Christ we will live as what becomes us - with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness
(unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another and making allowances because we love one another. In the name of Jesus, we are eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of [produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace.

We, as members of Phillips Temple, commit, in the name of Jesus and according to the power of God at work in us, to be of one and the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each the other] as brethren (of one household), compassionate and courteous - tenderhearted and humble-minded. We will never return evil for evil or insult for insult - scolding, tongue-lashing, berating; but on the contrary blessing - praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving one another. For we know that to this we have been called, that we may ourselves inherit a blessing [from God] - obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection.

Father, thank You that Jesus has given to Phillips Temple the glory and honor which You gave Him, that we may be one, [even] as You and Jesus are one: Jesus in us and You in Jesus, in order that we may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and [definitely] recognize that you sent Jesus, and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Jesus.

Father, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Amen, and so be it.

VISION FOR OUR CHURCH

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come into Your presence thanking You for Phillips Temple. You have called us to be saints in Dayton and around the world. As we lift our voices in one accord, we recognize that You are God, and everything was made by and for you.
We thank You that we all speak the same thing: there is no division among us; we are perfectly joined together in the same mind. Grant unto us, Your representatives here, a boldness to speak Your Word which You will confirm with signs following. We thank You that we have workmen in abundance and all manner of cunning people for every manner of work. Each department operates in the excellence of ministry gifts for the edifying of this body till we all come into the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a mature person. None of our people will be children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine. We speak the truth in love.

We are a growing and witnessing body of believers becoming 2000 strong. We have every need met. Therefore, we meet the needs of people who come - spirit, soul, and body. We ask for the wisdom of God in meeting these needs. Father, we thank You for the ministry facilities that will more than meet the needs of the ministry You have called us to. Phillips Temple is prospering financially, and we have more than enough to meet every situation. We have everything we need to carry out Your Great Commission and reach the Dayton area for Jesus. We are a people of love as love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We thank You that the Word of God is living big in all of us and Jesus is Lord!

We are a supernatural church, composed of supernatural people doing supernatural things, for we are laborers together with God. We thank You for Your presence among us and we lift our hands and praise Your holy name!

FOR GROWTH AND ATTENDANCE AT PHILLIPS

Father, in Jesus’ name, I bring before You Phillips Temple. I say that we, who are involved in this ministry, speak boldly, unfolding and proclaiming fully the mystery of Christ. We make it clear, as is our duty.
We constantly give praise to You. We have favor and goodwill with all the people, and You keep adding to our number daily those whose are being saved from spiritual death. Crowds of men and women who already acknowledge Jesus as their Savior and devote themselves to Him join those being added to Your Kingdom. The people gather also from the towns and hamlets round about the areas where we gather. They bring other people who are sick or troubled with foul spirits, and all are cured.

As Your message keeps on spreading, Father, the number of disciples in our ministries continues to multiply greatly. People are not able to resist the intelligence, wisdom, and inspiration of the Spirit with which Your ministries speak. With one accord great crowds of people listen to and heed what is said by Pastor Washington as they hear and see miracles and wonders which You keep performing. Foul spirits come out of many who are possessed by them. Many who are crippled or suffering are restored to health.

In Dayton where our ministry resides, there is great rejoicing. Your presence is there with power, so that a great number of people learn to believe, adhere to, trust in, and rely on You. They learn to turn and surrender themselves to You, in Jesus’ name.

Thank You, Father, for the privilege of praying. I expect results because Your Word does not return unto You void. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Prayer During Attack
Heavenly Father, you are my Refuge and my Rock. You are in control of everything that happens in my life. I am your servant, called by your name. Thank you for giving me the helmet of Salvation - my identity in
your Son is secure. Nothing can separate me from your love. Thank you for forgiving and cleansing my guilt (proceed with any confession that might be needed). I put on your breastplate of righteousness. Holy Spirit, search out and bring into the light any schemes of darkness directed at me. I take up the shield of faith to stand against the works of the evil one. In Jesus’ name, I stand on the truth of the Word of God: “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work” (1 John 3:8)

**Prayer for Resistance**
Satan, I rebuke you in the authority of Jesus Christ. I declare your works in my life destroyed. Jesus triumphed over you in the wilderness, on the Cross, and in the grave. His resurrection has sealed your fate. I triumph over you now in the strength of his name. I resist and rebuke your efforts to oppress, afflict, or deceive me. I remove from you the right to rob me of the joy and fruit of my salvation. Through the power of the blood of Calvary, I command all powers of darkness assigned to me, sent to me, or surrounding me now, to leave. Go where Jesus Christ orders you to go, never to return.

**Protection**
It is always appropriate to seek the Lord for his protection. If you are involved at some level with spiritual warfare, these types of prayer should become a regular part of your spiritual discipline. You should confidently apply the potency of Jesus’ prayer to your own life, your home, children, vehicles, fellow workers, missionaries, and pastoral staff of your local church.

Lord, your word declares that you will shield and protect your children from the power of the evil one (Psalm 97:10; John 17:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:3). You are El Elyon, the Most High God, sovereign of all things visible and invisible. Everything is in your hand. I ask you, in the name of Jesus, to shield ____________ with the presence of your Spirit (Psalm 3:3). May your glory follow after ______________ as a rear
guard (Isaiah 58: 8). Lord, be a refuge to ___________. Support him or her with your everlasting arms, and drive the enemy away (Deuteronomy 33: 27). Assign and send your holy angels to protect and deliver your servant from danger (Psalm 34:7; 91: 9 - 11). I commend ___________ to your watchful care. I ask that no purpose of yours be thwarted by the interference of Satan and his forces (Job 42: 2). Father, in accordance with Jesus’ prayer, deliver ______________ from evil.

Prayer for the Protection of Children
Father, you alone are my refuge, my strength, my fortress. I ask you to honor your Word and be a refuge to my family (Proverbs 14: 26). I ask you, through Jesus’ intercession, to grant to us your sovereign protection from evil. Show me any sin or disobedience that robs me and my family of your protection (1 John 5:18). Show me, Holy Spirit, anything that grieves your blessing in our lives (Ephesians 4: 30).
I entrust my children to you. They are your gifts to me. I ask you to surround ___________ with your presence, and to shield him or her from Satan’s power. God, shed your light upon your servants, bathe us with the joy of your redemption (Psalm 97: 11). Cover ___________ with the power of the blood of your Son (Revelation 12:11) I ask you, Father, to expose and destroy schemes of the enemy planned against ___________ and to assign you holy angels to guard and protect him or her, according to your perfect will (Psalm 91: 11 - 13; Matthew 18: 10; Hebrews 1: 14 ). Lord Jesus, thank you for praying for our protection. By faith I receive your protection for my family.

Prayer for Conversion of Unbelievers
Father, I bring to you my burden for ______________. I claim him or her for salvation. Lord, it is your desire that ___________ should not perish. Holy Spirit, make Jesus known to ___________. Stir within this person the desire to seek salvation and convict him or her of sin. Lord, soften any resistance to the truth, and plant seeds of the word in this person’s mind and heart. Lord, break his or her will. Make this person desperate. Bring ___________ to the end of himself or herself.
Lord, I ask you to break Satan’s power in __________’s life. Spirit of Jesus, silence and subdue the voice of the enemy. In the authority of Christ, I weaken any strongholds in __________’s life. Holy Spirit, move in your power to separate away from this person the influence of unclean spirits, and stir him or her to repentance. I bind the power of any spirits of confusion and unbelief that blind the mind. Lord, enable him or her to hear your Word with clarity. Send someone to share a word of testimony.

Prayer for Those Weakening in Their Faith
Lord, I bring __________ to you. Only you can know his or her heart. I cannot make __________ change - only you can. I pray you would open him or her up and help ___________ to see what has made him or her walk away from you. Give me understanding to see those things as well. Holy Spirit, convict, __________ of sin and stir up the desire to be right with you. Make __________ sick of sin. Do whatever you need to break his or her will, yet I ask you would be gentle and merciful. Bring an experience into __________’s life to encourage a return to you. Father, in Jesus’ I subdue the influence of the enemy in __________’s life. I ask you to separate him or her from the lies and enticements of Satan. God, free __________ from blindness. Shake him or her to his or her senses. Demonstrate the discipline of your love, yet do it in mercy and tenderness. I praise and thank you for the work you are going to do in __________’s life.¹

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