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### Introduction to Prayer

The purpose of Jesus restoring us to God, making us right with Him and giving us His position before the Father is so that we can fellowship with the Father. This is what He originally intended for us and He longs to have a close, intimate relationship with each of us.

Prayer is communing with God, inquiring of Him, making requests of Him, sharing with Him, partnering with Him, listening to Him, worshiping Him, receiving from Him, and drawing close to Him.

"Prayer is no dreary performance, dead and death-dealing, but it is God's enabling act for man, living and life-giving, joy and joy-giving. Prayer is the contact of a living soul with God. In prayer, God stoops to kiss man, to bless man, and to aid man in everything that God can devise or man can need."

• E. M. Bounds

"Pray without ceasing."

• 1 Thessalonians 5:17

We have nothing to fear as we approach God. Through Christ, we have free access to His throne, where we can receive whatever we may need from God. Because of His grace, we can come to Him without reservation and be accepted like Jesus Himself.

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

#### Pray according to the Word of God

Always launch your prayers from the platform of God's Word. This is the key to having your prayers answered. If what we ask is based on His Word, He hears us, and then we know that we have it.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

• 1 John 5:14-15

Our authority in prayer is based on what Jesus did for us and whom He made us to be. We pray in the name of Jesus, and it is as if Jesus Himself is making the request. He gave us His power of attorney.

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

• John 14:13-14



# Begin with Worship

Make a few selections from these Psalms and spend some time worshiping the Lord and thanking Him for who He is and what He's done.

### Psalms 34:1-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to Him and were radiant. And their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

### Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2 Serve the Lord with Come before gladness; presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures FOREVER. Psalm 136:1



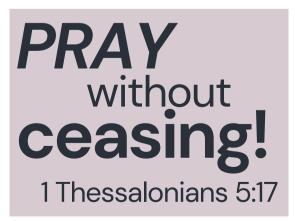
### REJOICE in the Lord always! Philippians 4:4

### Psalm 103:1-12

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel, 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. 9 He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever, 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

### Psalm 98:1-9

10h, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. 2 The Lord has made known His salvation: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;8 Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together 9 before the Lord, For He is coming judge the earth With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.





### Psalm 107:1-9

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, 3 And gathered out of the lands. From the east and from the west. From the north and from the south. 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses. 7 And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

8 Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

He sent
His WORD and
healed
them.

Psalm 107:20

### Psalm 107:19-22

9 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. 20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions. 21 Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! 22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

### Psalm 150:1-6

Lord. Praise the Lord!

1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! 2 Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! 3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! 4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! 5 Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! 6 Let everything that has breath praise the



### Psalm 145:1-21

11 will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. 5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. 6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. 7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. 9 The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works. 10 All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You. 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, 12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations. 14 The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. 16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

18 The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

20 The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy. 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

### Psalm 148:1-13

1 Praise the Lord from the heavens: Praise Him in the heights! 2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! 3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! 4 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the the Lord. For name commanded and they created. 6 He also established them forever and ever: He made a decree which shall not pass away. 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; 8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; 9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars: 10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; 12 Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord...



## pray for unbelievers to be saved

Fill in the blank with the name of your loved ones.

gladness! I come before You with singing! I know that You are God!
It is written in Your Word that Jesus came to seek and save the lost. You wish all people to be saved and to know Your divine truth. Therefore, Father, I bring
before You this day.
Thank You for calling me to be Your agent of intercession for
By the grace of God I will build up the wall and stand in the gap before You for, that he/she might be spared from eternal destruction.
Father, thank You for salvation. I acknowledge Jesus as the Lamb of God, Who
takes away's sins, and the Holy Spirit, Who convicts and
convinces him/her of sin, righteousness and judgment. Your kindness leads
to repent (to change his/her mind and inner man to accept
Your will). You are the One Who delivers and draws him/her to
Yourself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and transfers him/her into
the Kingdom of the Son of Your love.
Father, I pray that will hear the truth from someone standing in Your presence. The Good News was hidden from Satan, the god of this world, made him/her blind, and he/she was unable to see the glorious light of the gospel. Now, I ask You, Lord of the harvest, to thrust the perfect laborer into's path to share Your gospel in a special way so that he/she will listen and understand it. As Your laborer ministers to him/her, I believe that he/she will come to his/her senses—come out of the snare of the devil who has held him/her captive—and make Jesus the Lord of his/her life.
Having prayed all that I know to pray, I submit to the Spirit, Who also helps me in my present limitations. I do not always know how to pray worthily, but Your Spirit within me is actually praying for me in those agonizing longings which cannot find words. Having done all to stand, I stand on Your Word, and Father, I shall praise You and thank You for's salvation. I commit this matter into Your hands, and with my faith I see saved and filled with Your Spirit, with a full and clear knowledge of Your Word.  Amen—so be it!



# pray for a national spiritual awakening

Father, in the name of Jesus, You have revived us again that Your people may rejoice in You. Thank You for showing us Your mercy and loving-kindness, 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 our whole hearts have we sought You, inquiring for 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 teachings — 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 us renewed life. This is our comfort and consolation in our affliction: that Your Word has revived us and given us life. We strip ourselves of our former natures — 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.

Father, awaken this nation and turn hearts back to you. Hallelujah! Amen.



## pray for the unity of the church

Father, in the name of Jesus, this is the confidence that we 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 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 (Gen. 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 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 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 others] 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 us the glory and honor that 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.



## pray for families

Father, I thank You that You have blessed me and my family with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

Through skillful and godly wisdom is my house (my life, my home, my family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation]. And by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches—great [priceless] treasure. The house of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall stand. Prosperity and welfare are in my house, in the name of Jesus. My house is securely built. It is founded on a rock—revelation knowledge of Your Word, Father. Jesus is its Cornerstone. Jesus is Lord of my household. Jesus is our Lord—spirit, soul and body. Whatever may be our task, we work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for You, Lord, and not for men. We love each other with the God-kind of love, and we dwell in peace. Our home is committed to You [deposited into Your charge, entrusted to Your protection and care].

Father, I know not what others may do, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! Hallelujah!

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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## pray for racial reconciliation

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come before You, asking Your forgiveness for being intolerant of one another because of the colors of our skin. Forgive us for tolerating prejudice in the household of faith. Set us free from the influence of public opinion that we may live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. Forgive us for segregating ourselves by color, by a measure of wealth or intellect. We are all Your children, the sheep of Your pasture. You made us, and not we ourselves. We are one blood, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, Who was slain before the foundation of the world. We are baptized "into" Christ and have put on the family likeness of Christ. We call for an end to division and segregation in Christ's family — may there be no division into Jew and non–Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us we are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lord, Jesus came and preached peace to us outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals and so made us equals. Through Him we share the same Spirit and have equal access to You, Father. The Kingdom of faith is now our home country, and we are no longer strangers or outsiders. We belong here. Father, You have called us all to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so we will stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. We have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all — Who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything we are and think and do is permeated with oneness.

Father, we imitate You. We walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another]. We walk as children of the light [leading the lives of those native-born to the light]. We look carefully how we walk! We live purposefully and worthily and accurately, making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

We speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voice [and instruments] and making melody with all our hearts to You, Lord, at all times and for everything, giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to You, Father. By love we serve one another.

Thank You, Father, that prejudice is being rooted out of the Body of Christ, in the name of Jesus. Amen.



## pray for life to be valued and protected

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask You to forgive the sin of our nation for disregarding the sanctity of life, and sanctioning abortion. We recognize that You uniquely create each person, Lord – each one is marvelously made! You know each one inside and out, You know every bone in the body. All the stages of a life are spread out before You, and the days are prepared before a child even lives one day. Since we now see clearly, we value the life You give.

Father, each of us is an open book to You; even from a distance, You know what we are thinking. We are never out of Your sight. When we look back, we realize that You were there. You were present when we put to death the beings to whom You gave life.

Lord, we repent of our sin and the sin of our nation. Be merciful unto us, O Lord. We ask Your forgiveness knowing that You are faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Heavenly Father, you created us all in your image to be valued and loved. Give us courage to not close our eyes or hearts when we see injustice. Allow us to use the voice you gave us to speak out. We pray that you create a lens, so that every life is seen as valuable – no matter where a person was born or lives, whether they are rich or poor, male or female, the same as us or different. May everyone be treated with respect and dignity. For we know, the value we place on the least of these is the value we place on You.



# pray for government leaders

Father, thank You for the United States and its government. I pray for the president, the national and local government, the judges, the policemen, the business leaders and all those who are in leadership positions in this country. Please protect them from the evil that is in the world and keep them safe and free from all harm. Your Word says that when good men are in authority, the people celebrate, but when wicked men are in authority, the people are unhappy. I pray that You will keep good men and women in authority over my country. I ask that You promote and raise up a generation of able politicians who are men and women of truth, full of wisdom and respectful towards You. You have promised to bless any nation that follows after You. Help us to live quiet and peaceful lives so that we can continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel throughout the United States and the world. I also pray that You give the men and women in leadership positions the understanding, wisdom and ability to keep this country in order. I ask that You guide the president's heart and cause him to make decisions that will promote godliness. Please keep evil and wicked men from influencing the president. Keep his office based on things that are right. Father, I pray for my brothers and sisters in the Lord who are in positions of leadership. I ask You to strengthen them in their hearts with all might by Your Spirit. Cause them to be bold and courageous. Surround them with favor as a shield, and expand their godly influence. I pray for those in leadership positions who are not born again and who do not have a personal relationship with Your Son, Jesus. I pray that You will send someone to share Jesus with them and open their eyes to the light. I ask that You cause the leaders of this country to make decisions that increase the integrity of our nation. Grant them the wisdom and insight needed to deal with this nation's finances, that You may cause us to prosper and be a blessing to other nations. May Your Word multiply in our nation's capital so that our leaders may be better able to cooperate with Your plan and purpose. Father, use this nation and its leaders in this great harvest of souls that will take place in the last days. I praise and thank You for blessing my country. I pray that our nation will accomplish the things that You want us to accomplish. I thank You that Jesus is Lord over the United States of America.



## Prayer Focus for Harvest Church

Focus for a few moments on praying for each of these areas.

01

#### **HUMII ITY**

 Harvest Church Pastors and church leaders will walk in humility

O4
HOLY SPIRIT

 Harvest Church will seek and follow the Holy Spirit and His gifts

O7
SPIRITUAL
WARFARE

 All deception will be revealed and removed at the Harvest Church 02

### **RELATIONSHIP**

 Harvest Church will teach relationship with Jesus not religion

05

### HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE

 Holy Spirit's presence in every function of the Harvest Church 03

#### **PRAYER**

 Harvest Church will be a House of Prayer and teach others to pray

06

### **HEALING**

 Harvest Church will be a place of healing: spirit (salvation), soul (deliverance), and body (physical healing)



## Pray for Harvest Missionaries

Call these Harvest Missionaries by name as you pray for them.





## a prayer for missionaries

Father, we lift before You those in the Body of Christ who are out in the field carrying the good news of the Gospel not only in this country, but also around the world. We lift those in the Body of Christ who are suffering persecution — those who are in prison for their beliefs. Father, we know that You watch over Your Word to perform it, that Your Word prospers in the thing for which You sent it. Therefore, we speak Your Word and establish Your covenant on this earth. We pray here, and others receive the answer there by the Holy Spirit. Thank You, Father, for revealing unto Your people the integrity of Your Word and that they must be firm in faith against the devil's onset, withstanding him. Father, You are their Light, Salvation, Refuge and Stronghold. You hide them in Your shelter and set them high upon a rock. It is Your will that each one prospers, is in good health and lives in victory. You set the prisoners free, feed the hungry, execute justice, rescue and deliver. In Jesus' name, we bind you, Satan, and every menacing spirit that would stir up against God's people. We commission the ministering spirits to go forth and provide the necessary help for and assistance to these heirs of salvation. We and they are strong in the Lord and in the power of Your might, quenching every dart of the devil in Jesus' name. Father, we use our faith, covering these in the Body of Christ with Your Word. We say that no weapon formed against them shall prosper, and any tongue that rises against them in judgment they shall show to be in the wrong. This peace, security and triumph over opposition is their inheritance as Your children. This is the righteousness they obtain from You, Father, which You impart to them as their justification. They are far from even the thought of destruction; for they shall not fear, and terror shall not come near them. Father, You say You will establish them to the end — keep them steadfast, give them strength and guarantee their vindication, that is, be their Warrant against all accusation or indictment. They are not anxious beforehand how they shall reply in defense or what they are to say, for the Holy Spirit teaches them in that very hour and moment what they ought to say to those in the outside world, their speech being seasoned with salt. We commit these, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, to You, Father, deposited into Your charge, entrusting them to Your protection and care, for You are faithful. You strengthen them and set them on a firm foundation and guard them from the evil one. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.





We are creating a place of love and grace for all people, where everyone is becoming a wholly, devoted, passionate follower of Jesus Christ.

### 24 HOURS OF PRAYER ON THE 24TH

Our prayers are making a difference. If you have a grace story proceeding out of our 24/24 initiative, email us at grace4u@the-harvest.org. Thank you for your support and friendship!

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