



Zoe Center Women's Ministry
presents

Practical Prayers for Powerful Living

A multi-generational, multi-cultural empowerment experience



Introduction



Hello Ladies,

The Zoe Center Women's Ministry Leadership Team is delighted that you are here! In a world where diverse voices often result in tension and confusion, prayer stands as a universal language that transcends cultural barriers and generational divides.

The collection of prayers in the following pages reflects the unity and strength of women who stand on the Word of God. Here, you will find a treasury of heartfelt invocations, each penned and prayed by women of different ages, backgrounds, and various heritages. These prayers reflect the shared desires, dreams, and struggles that unite women across the globe, offering solace, wisdom, and inspiration for every stage of life's journey.

As you immerse yourself in these whispered hopes and fervent requests, may you feel a sense of kinship with the hardworking, self-sacrificing women who have lent their words to this compilation. Whether you seek guidance, courage, healing, or simply a moment of peace, may these prayers serve as a beacon of light, illuminating the path ahead as you navigate the inevitable spiritual, emotional, relational, physical, financial, and other challenges of daily life. May they be a balm for your soul and a testament to the enduring power of women's voices raised in unity, reverence, and love.

Know that nothing is too hard for God (Jeremiah 32:27); therefore, let's expect Him to show Himself strong in every situation as we submit to His sovereign plan for our lives.

With deepest reverence and sincere gratitude,

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Worshipping, Honoring, and Exalting God

Rebecca Miyahara

Spiritual

Lord, we enter into Your gates with thanksgiving and into Your courts with praise. We are thankful to You, and we bless Your name (Psalm 100:4).

We worship You because of Your goodness, Your mercy, and Your lovingkindness. May a sacrifice of praise continue to be in our mouths for the marvelous works of grace You have done for us. We adore You, dear Lord. We fall on our knees in awe of Your greatness. We rest in Your love.

We exalt You, our God and King, we will praise Your name forever and ever for You are worthy to be praised and exalted. We thank You that Your hand is always upon us. We seek Your face. Our souls thirst for You. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise You (Psalm 63:3). We will bless You as long as we live, and in Your name, we will lift our hands.

Thank You for Your assurance that no weapon formed against us will prosper (Isaiah 54:17). We stand on Your word that whatever we ask in prayer, believing that we have received it, and it will be ours (Mark 11:24-25).

Thank You for Your promise that You will never leave us, nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). We rejoice in knowing You cause all things to work together for our good because we love You and are called according to Your purpose (Romans 8:28).

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You. You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all, Now, our God, we honor You for who You are and we praise Your glorious name (1 Chronicles 29:11-13).

Amen.



Engaging the Spiritual Disciplines

Perrilla Woodard

Spiritual

Our Father in Heaven, Holy is Your Name. We stand in awe and reverence of You. We thank You for Your desire to fellowship with us and for showing us how much You loved us by sending Your son Jesus to die on the cross. Our desire is to enter deeper places of communion, relationship, and fellowship with You, Lord. We want to be spiritually disciplined. You created us for Your glory (Isaiah 43:7); to fellowship and enjoy a deep and intimate relationship with You.

Your word tells us to seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness and everything we have need of shall be added to us (Matthew 6:33). So, In this moment, Lord, we seek Your face. We surrender and commit our entire life completely to You. Help us to focus on Your priorities by loving You with all of our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind (Matthew 22:37).

Lord, You promise to show us the path of life as we seek Your Kingdom first. May we delight in You, abide in You, and dwell in Your secret place. Cause us to draw closer to You, to lean into You; for only in Your presence will we experience the fullness of joy (Psalms 16:11). Lord, we know without You, we are nothing; we are desperate for Your presence in our life.

Father, just as Mary resisted busyness and sat at Your feet (Luke 10:42), help us to choose the better part by doing the same. We cry out to You to reignite in us the flame for spiritual discipline. Rekindle our passion for You and Your word. Revive our hearts and renew our minds. May we experience Your presence in revitalizing and transforming ways that will cause everything around us to be impacted: our lives, our families, our children, our homes, our community, our church, the marketplace, and the world. May our faith be strengthened knowing that You are listening when we call and will be quick to respond.

We decree and declare a new level of boldness and confidence in the things we pray for (1 John 5:14-15). Our eyes are on You. We thank You, Lord, for new heights in prayer as we continue to build ourselves up on our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 1:20) and living a fasted and well-balanced lifestyle of being battle ready.

Holy Spirit, today, we commit to developing the key spiritual disciplines of praying, studying Your word, fasting, fellowshiping, serving others, and much more. Help us to order our priorities and to discipline our natural man to make time for You to speak to us. Speak to our hearts, Holy Spirit, in this moment. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Operating in Your Divine Gifting

Jo Anne Birthwright

Spiritual

Heavenly Father, we praise You for magnificently and uniquely creating us with such immense care.

We acknowledge that every good and perfect gift comes from You alone. According to Your Word, spiritual gifts are for the benefit of Your people (1 Corinthians 12). Thank You for the gifts You have entrusted to each of us.

Holy Spirit, help us to cultivate, maximize, and increase each gift for Your glory and divine purpose. As we faithfully operate in our gifts, You have promised that we will be filled with joy and hear You say well done.

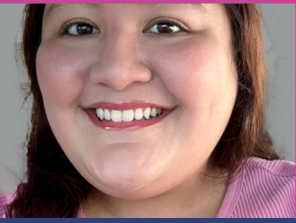
May we walk boldly to let our light and gifts shine that men may see Your glory in us. We will not hide our gifts in fear, for You grant us grace according to the measure of the gifts. May we walk humbly, seeking not the praise of men. May our gifts serve and draw men to You. Whatever we endeavor to do, may we seek to glorify You. Holy Spirit, guide, teach, and remind us how valuable our gifts are to You and to the world.

Lord, we surrender all our gifts to You-- withholding nothing. Show us how to better manage Your gifts. We ask that even dormant gifts be awakened beyond our wildest imagination. By Your grace, we make every effort to increase, advance, and excel in our gifts for Your glory.

Holy Spirit, help us to dwell in Your love that does not fear, does not envy the gifts You have given to others, and does not demand self-centered attention (1 Corinthians 13). We pursue love and intensely desire spiritual gifts. By faith, we embrace Your gifts in love knowing that our reward comes from You. For You have not given us a spirit of fear, but we have a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

We are strong and of good courage for You are with us (Joshua 1:9). We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). We will not dwell on missed opportunities to use our gifts. We look to You for new open doors. Lord Jesus, we say yes to use our gifts for Your divine purpose.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Pursuing Purity and Purpose (Young Adult)

Caitlynn Santiago

Spiritual

Dear God, we come to You today as Your young daughters, pursuing a life of purity. We ask You to protect us from temptation and to give us wisdom when we are out and about in the streets. Help us not to give in to peer pressure and nor to do things that we might regret.

Father, it feels so hard to be a young woman in this generation. Feeling scared to say no to various temptations, feeling pressure to dress a certain way, and to keep up with the latest trends.

We need Your wisdom as we communicate with the opposite sex. Help us to make smart decisions every day. Send good role models into our life, godly women mentors to help us navigate this crazy world. Father, we can't do anything without You (John 15:5). Allow us to have eyes for You only Lord. Open our hearts and our minds. Make us pure and let us love You first and keep You as our center before we attempt to love someone else.

Father, You know our wants, our needs, and our desires. No one can satisfy them except You: no man, no drugs, nothing. Give us the desire and the power to live a pure and holy life. Take away the dirt, shame, labels, and hurt from the names people may call us.

We only want to please You, God. We want a relationship with You. Let us fall more in love with You and not the world. Many think it is lame to be pure, but it is so beautiful. In Your perfect timing, we ask You to bring that God-loving man into our lives that You have destined for us; someone who will love You first and is willing to pray and fast with us, to live a life pleasing to You.

Father, we love You so much, and we thank You for giving us the power to live a pure and holy life.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Guarding Your Mind in Troubled Times

Dr. Waneko Bivens-Saxton

Emotional

Heavenly Father, we gather before Your throne of grace, declaring Your sovereignty over every aspect of our lives. We are grateful for the living and powerful Word that You have given us, capable of penetrating the deepest parts of our souls and bringing forth healing and restoration that transcends our understanding of who You really are to us.

In the authority of Your Word, we decree healing and restoration for those battling depression, instability, anxiety, and rejection. Pour out Your mercy upon us, O God, and let Your healing touch penetrate the depths of our heart. May we find comfort in Your unfailing love and assurance of Your presence, knowing You asked us to cast all our cares, all of our anxieties, all our worries, and all of our concerns on You, because You care about us with deep affection, and watch over us very carefully (1 Peter 5:7). Therefore, fill us with Your Spirit as I pray.

Lord, Your Word declares that in our weakness, You are strong, and Your power is made perfect in our inadequacy (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). Grant us the courage to confront our weaknesses of emotional turmoil that we so bravely try to hide, and the strength to overcome them by the power of Your Spirit. Let Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Proverbs 3:5-6). By faith, we decree Your strength to overcome overthinking, insecurities, fears, feeling unworthy, not good enough, and the spirit of stagnation that tries to keep us oppressed. Yet, we claim Your joy as our strength in the midst of despair.

God of peace, Your Word is a firm foundation, a rock on which we stand amidst life's storms, so we say in boldness, we shall not be moved. Let Your promises of peace and restoration be an anchor for our souls in times of uncertainty.

Lord, Your Word assures us of Your unfailing love, and Your acceptance of us as Your beloved children. Since we are Your daughters, we can cry out to You Abba Father, our Father; help us, even now (Romans 8:15)!

We decree freedom from emotional bondage and choose to walk in victory because we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:37).

Help us to embrace our identity in Christ, knowing that we are accepted and cherished in Your sight because You love us, and Lord God, we love You, too.

Gracious Father, we thank You for the power of Your Word to bring healing and wholeness to our emotional wounds.

As we stand on Your promises; they are Yes, and they are Amen (2 Corinthians 1:20). We believe that it is done because You're not a man that You should lie nor the son of a man that You should repent (Numbers 23:19). Thank You for healing and transforming us into the likeness of Your image.

In the mighty and matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we decree these truths, firmly believing that You will bring them to pass according to Your perfect will (Philippians 1:6). Amen and Amen!



Maintaining a Positive Attitude

Laddha Luna

Emotional

Father, we desire to always maintain a positive attitude. Thank You for reminding us that Your joy is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). Help us to rejoice in hope, to be patient and in constant prayer, and to remember that victory is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to keep a song of praise in our hearts, for You are always great and worthy of praise.

Father, we pray that You show us that we have a choice to be positive or negative:

- That when faced with bad circumstances, we will look to You to help us to stop dwelling on self-pity and negative thoughts.
- That You will show us how we can learn from our challenges, how You can turn our ashes to beauty, and our pain into joy.
- That we can give to You what we are worried or upset about and You can provide solutions better than we can in our own understanding.
- That the problems that we are experiencing will strengthen us, and when other challenges happen, we will remember how You rescued us from the past trials. Help us to see that we have so much to be grateful for; to see that being grateful for all the goodness that You have provided shields us from any negativity that is trying to seep through.

Lord, we are so grateful for Your love that reaches to the heavens and for blessing us with our daily needs, with good health, food, and shelter. Thank You for giving us wisdom and understanding, and for surrounding us with Your favor (Psalm 5:12).

Thank You, Lord, for our families, for our friends and all our loved ones; for being our fortress and our stronghold; for keeping us away from evil and harm that we may not be aware of; for showing us the small and great things that we should be thankful for; for teaching us, gently, the lessons that we needed to learn so that we can appreciate when things are going well.

Thank You that Your eyes are upon us and Your ears are open to our prayers. Thank You for making all Your grace abound towards us causing everything that we touch to prosper and succeed (2 Corinthians 9:8). Thank You that we are blessed to be a blessing. May we glorify You in everything that we do.

Father, use us to be an encouragement to someone so that we will be the model of a Christian that they can see. May this prayer encourage someone to know that You are the God of hope and that You can and will fill us with joy and peace as we trust in You (Romans 15:13).

In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen!



Walking in Love, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation

Vanessa Smith

Relational

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You today with grateful hearts, acknowledging the unconditional love and grace You have bestowed upon us. We praise You and we thank You for this opportunity to pray concerning walking in love, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Father, Your word tells us that we can come boldly to the throne of grace and obtain mercy and find grace in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). Our prayer today is for the Body of Christ and our love walk here on the earth. Father, You are love (1 John 4:8) and Your love has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

We have everything we need to succeed in our love walk. Our prayer is that we realize the power we have in You. Help us to spend enough time with You, in Your word and in prayer, to be the reflection of all that You have put in us concerning love. Your word tells us that men would know that we are Your disciples by the love we show to one another (John 13:35). We thank You that the Holy Spirit, our Helper, will remind us continually to love You with all our hearts, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39) — and, Father, to even love our enemies!

Holy Spirit, cause us to do good to them that hate us, to bless them that curse us, and to pray for those that despitefully use us and persecute us (Matthew 5:44) Father, this is challenging to our natural man, but we rejoice that as new creations in Christ, we can do all things through him, for he strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). Yes, we can show love for one another and toward our enemies. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, forgiving those that offend us can become as automatic as drinking water when we are thirsty.

Father, You have reconciled us to yourself and given us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). Give us the boldness to lead people to be reconciled to You and to each other. We thank You, Heavenly Father, that we can be confident in You to know that if we ask anything according to Your will, You hear us, and if we know that You hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we desire of You (1 John 5:14-15). So, we ask You to help us to walk in love. Cause our light to shine so brightly in the world that men will see our good works and glorify You (Matthew 5:16).

In name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Uniting in Love and Marriage

Maisha Henry

Relational

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You in the wonderful and powerful name of Christ Jesus, thanking You and celebrating Your gift of love, and marriage. Your word says that “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). I believe that You have chosen my spouse and me to commit ourselves to a loving, faithful, respectful partnership with one another.

Lord, we thank You for being the source of love that flows from our union together. May our actions towards one another be a daily example of love. May they reflect Your presence in our lives. Lord, I ask You to help us to identify and work through anything that is not pleasing to You so we can continually reach higher levels of oneness: spiritually, physically, financially, physically, and emotionally. May we be imitators of You, walking in love, valuing one another, and seeking the best for each other (Ephesians 5:1-2). I ask that You cause us to find satisfaction in one another daily.

Let us not grow stagnant in our marriage (Proverbs 5:18-19) but to always increase in love, intimacy, and grace. Your word assures us that “No weapon formed against us shall prosper” (Isaiah 54:17). We are reminded when challenges arise, we are not to fight one another, but to come together against the enemy’s lies, standing firm on Your Word. May we resist negative emotions and choose love in our marriage because it covers all wrong (Proverbs 10:12). Be our strength through good and difficult seasons. Help us to find refuge in You when the storms come. Wash away the sinful desires of our flesh and the selfish ambitions that threaten our marriage. Help us to be there for each other when we are weak, when our spiritual lives seem dry, when we do not understand each other’s actions, and when we seem disconnected and lacking in communication.

Holy Spirit, give us discernment to look beyond our spouse’s faults and see the real need, so that we may encourage and inspire each other to be our best. In times of discouragement and disappointment, cause us to be united in You, letting nothing come between us. Help us to trust in You with all my heart and to be prayerful while continuing to hope for a better marriage, and peaceful conflict resolution. Guard our mouths and cause us to always build up and not tear each other down. Draw us closer to one another through patience, respect, kindness, and love, knowing it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Thank You, Lord, for perfecting all that concerns our marriage. We pray that You continuously renew in our marriages an ongoing affection and a loving spirit. Enrich our lives with the gracious gift of Your love so that we may embrace one another daily with the fruit of the spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-26).

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.



Embracing the Servanthood of Motherhood

Kathryn Pettaway

Relational

Heavenly Father, we come to You praising and magnifying You as Lord over our lives. We pray Your will be done in every mother. Thank You for trusting us to steward another life. Help us to realize the weight of this mandate. Heal our emotional wounds so that we may parent through a healed heart and a healed mind and not through our own trauma.

Your word tells us to train our children up in the way that they should go (Proverbs 22:6). You are the way, O God; You are the truth and the life (John 14:6). So, help us to train them up in You.

Give us vision and insight into mothering the uniqueness in our children. Help us to see the call on their lives and to shape them accordingly. We surrender our children to You and give You permission to have Your way in their lives, God, for they are Yours first. You have given them to us for a short time frame here on earth. Guide us to raise kingdom men and kingdom women in the mighty name of Jesus.

We speak Romans 8:28 over our lives and our children, knowing that You cause all things to work out for our good--even the mistakes we make as mothers. We know that You are working it out for our good and Your glory. We can trust in You because You are the only perfect parent. We realize there is no perfection outside of You. We believe that Your perfection, Your goodness, Your mercy, and Your grace will fill in the gaps when we miss the mark.

Help us to resist the trap of comparing ourselves to other mothers and the pride in our mothering, God. May every mother assume a posture of prayer in approaching our parental responsibilities. Holy Spirit, cause us to submit to the fear of the Lord, for we know it is the beginning of wisdom. We sincerely desire to be wise mothers. Teach us to partner with You in raising these children that You have entrusted us with, God. When we stand before You, what we want to hear most, as mothers, is "well done", "well done my good and faithful servant". Holy Spirit, equip us to be good and equip us to be faithful as we embrace the servanthood of motherhood.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Parenting Solo

Tracy Lee

Relational

Lord of Wisdom, You know the challenges and the joys of single parenthood. We face choices without a partner to confer with; we ask for Your guidance to fill this gap. Grant us discernment to know what is best for our children in every circumstance and the wisdom to apply our knowledge in loving and effective ways.

Lord, You are a loving Shepherd (Psalm 23), so we ask You to guide us and our children when we feel lost. Watch over them, protect them, and lead them in Your ways. Let them grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with both You and those around them (Luke 2:52). Bind us together as a family unit, strong in love and mutual respect, and let Your peace reign in our home.

Grant us the endurance to fulfill our responsibilities, the wisdom to lead and nurture our children in Your ways, and the patience to handle both triumphs and trials with grace. Lighten our load when it becomes too heavy to bear alone and remind us that You are always by our side.

Father, You know that in the busyness of daily life and the responsibility of caring for our children, we sometimes neglect our own health and well-being. We ask You to help us prioritize self-care as a necessary part of this journey. Bless us with good health, emotional resilience, and peace of mind, so that we may be the parent our children need.

Father, You are a faithful provider. Open the gateways of resources—whether through work, community, or even unexpected blessings. Help us not to fret about tomorrow (Matthew 6:34) but to trust in Your abundant provision. Surround us with people who offer tangible support and encouragement, reflecting Your love and compassion. Father, show us how to pray for our children, consistently trusting that You hear our prayers and will send the answer that is needed. Give us the resilience we need when it appears things are not going well or as planned. Show us how to love our adult children and to cultivate a relationship of trust and respect.

Thank You for guiding us into all truth (John 16:13) concerning who You are and how much You love us. Help us to see You as our heavenly Father and to model this wonderful relationship before our children. Thank You for always having an ear to hear our prayers.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Being Healthy, Healed, and Whole

Melissa Earls

Physical

Father, we honor You for Your Divine design of our unique bodies. You formed each of us in our mother's womb to be Your servant. Every aspect of our physical being was purposefully created for Your glory (Isaiah 49:5).

Forgive us, Father, for often rejecting Your design and wishing You had made us differently. Forgive us for harming our bodies with poor diets, lack of exercise, lack of rest, and other abuses. Just as athletes are disciplined in their training to win a prize, help us to be disciplined so that we can be fit to do Your will and fulfill our assignment on this earth.

Let our motives be pure and not to fulfill a worldly desire to allure the opposite sex. Help us to always remember that our bodies are the temple of Your Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). Let us present them as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You at all times (Romans 12:1).

Lord, we want to leave a legacy of health to the next generation. We pray for strong minds, strong hearts, strong arms, strong legs, and a strong core. Help us to choose foods that are nourishing to our body and to resist foods that sabotage our health. Let our fitness be a witness of the fruit of temperance (Galatians 5:23) in our lives. Remind us that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13).

Father, You declared in Your word that You are the God of all flesh, and nothing is too hard for You (Jeremiah 32:27). We trust You to bring healing, health, and wholeness to every part of our body from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet. We cast out sickness and disease. We bind attacks of any kind against our health. By faith, we receive Your supernatural healing power to flow through our bodies. We plead the blood of Jesus over any and all diseases attacking our immune system, our hearts, our lungs, our respiratory system, the digestive system, the neurological system, and the reproductive system.

Sickness and disease must go in the mighty name of Jesus. Cancer and organ failure must go in the powerful name of Jesus. Finally, Father, we seek Your protection. Shield us from all physical harm and danger that may come my way. Place Your angels around us, protecting us from threats, seen and unseen (Psalm 91:11-12). Our eyes are on You, O Lord, to give us the victory over every physical aspect of our lives.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Seeking Divine Creativity and Innovation

Marsee Smith

Financial/Professional

Lord, You are the God of all creation. You are the God of, not only the physical earth but, the process of creation. We desire to have a creative and innovative mind. We desire to be like You, a master designer, a master creator. Thank You, Lord, for creating us with unique gifts, talents, and abilities. Thank You for creating us with unique character that we are always developing to be more like You. Father, draw us close to You. Help us to be still and know who You are so that we will know Your ways. In approaching any task, let us ask of You:

“Father, how would You design this?” “How would You develop this project?” “How would You solve this problem?” “What are Your thoughts about this?” Always seeking Your wisdom first; that’s what we want; that’s what we desire.

Lord, we acknowledge You and Your Spirit, the Spirit that filled Bezalel, when he was chosen by You to build the Tent of Meeting for Moses in Exodus 31. You gave him skill, ability, and knowledge for this task. You blessed him with the ability to create all kinds of crafts using wood, stone, gold, silver, and bronze. You blessed him with the ability and skill to craft amazing and unique items for decor and furniture. You helped him design tools that were ultimately used for Your glory. We desire to have that type of ability and insight from You, the Master Designer. We want to use our minds and hands to design amazing works. We dedicate our work to You. We dedicate our plans to You. We have the mind of Christ and therefore, we have access to Your creative thoughts, designs, and plans.

Lord, We desire to use our talents to bring awe to those who encounter our crafts and designs, like the awe the Queen of Sheba had when she saw Your amazing design of Solomon’s temple. You gave David all the plans for the temple, from the porch entrance to the temple, to the weight of gold used for the lampstands, forks, and bowls inside (1 Chronicles 28 and 29)! You are a detailed God. We see Your glory in the uniqueness of feathers of a peacock or the pattern on a leopard’s coat. We see how You designed thousands of species of plants. We honor You, the Master Designer. Thank You for helping us be innovative in our plans. Give us witty inventions and ideas that solve major problems in our society. Thank You for helping us help others. We commit all our plans, designs, and creative works to You (Proverbs 16:3).

In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Navigating Your Career

Erika Bonilla

Financial/Professional

Heavenly Father, we bring our careers before You today, thanking You for all You have done and all that You will do. We are Your daughters and we come to You with sincere, expectant hearts.

Your word teaches us that we should not rely on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). Therefore, we seek Your face, asking that You would guide our steps. There are times, Father, when we do not know Your perfect will regarding our careers and thus, we do not know what to pray for, but Your word assures us that at such times, the Holy Spirit makes intercession to You on our behalf according to Your divine will (Romans 8:26).

Father, whether in the public or private sector, or as entrepreneurs, we ask that You help us to be a light and to represent You well in our environments. Every day we are confronted with obstacles, relational challenges, and career hurdles that threaten to block our way. We seek You daily for wisdom and discernment so that despite the situation, we will walk in alignment with Your will for our lives. Help us, Lord, to remember that no man can thwart Your purpose (Isaiah 14:26).

Many of us did not have role models growing up and we are forging our own way in the workplace. Help us not limit our aspirations to that which we can rationalize or figure out according to our education or experience, for You, Father, are able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we can ask or think according to Your power that works in us (Ephesians 3:20).

Many of us have achieved more in our careers than we could have ever imagined. Help us to resist the Imposter Syndrome that would cause us to believe that we are unworthy of what You have blessed us to achieve.

Many of us may have been told that as women, we must be humble, meek, and mild—and not to pursue success. But we stand on Your word in Joshua 1:8 which assures us that when we meditate on the Scriptures day and night, and seek to obey them, we will have good success.

Help us, Lord, to walk in divine confidence versus self-confidence, to rest on Your promises, and to fulfill what You have called us to do. May You allow us to find favor in the workplace and may You open doors that no man can close. We ask that as we are seeking You whole-heartedly, You would quash all feelings of insecurity, doubt, or anxiety. Help us to remember that apart from You we can do nothing, but with You we can do all things (Philippians 4:13). We know the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). Put a hedge of protection around us so that our efforts will prosper and so that we may serve as an example and encouragement to others.

Help us, Lord, to maintain godly priorities, and to never let our career pursuits become a detriment to our families, our health, and most of all to our relationship with You.

This we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.



Minding Your Money

Deborah Smith Pegues

Financial/Professional

Father, thank You for Your faithfulness in supplying all our needs according to Your riches in Heaven (Philippians 4:10). We acknowledge You as the ultimate source of all things. We come before You seeking wisdom in minding our money. We really want to be good stewards over the resources You have entrusted to us. Help us to order our financial priorities according to Your word.

May we cast down the lie that we do not have a “head for figures” or that we are not good at managing money. Your word says that if we lack wisdom, we can ask You for it and You will give it to us liberally (James 1:5-6). So, we ask now for wisdom, wisdom to comprehend financial principles and strategies—and the grace to implement them. May we walk in integrity before You, Lord, never, ever compromising godly principles for financial gain or advantage.

Help us to be sensitive to the plight of the less fortunate. May we be generous, compassionate, and non-judgmental. On the other hand, Father, help us NOT to be financial enablers of the irresponsible people in our lives. Rather, give us the courage to practice tough love, and to say no when it is the wise and appropriate thing to do.

And, Father, shield us from scammers who come to steal the blessings You have bestowed upon us. May we resist the pull of the culture to buy status symbols so that people will esteem and admire us. Help us to remember that we have inherent value simply in being Your child; and not to derive our self-worth from designer clothes, fancy cars, and other trappings.

Grant us the discipline to budget our income wisely, to sow into Your work, to spend with prudence, and to save for the future by investing wisely. Help us to distinguish between needs and wants, so that we may prioritize what truly matters.

Help us to make sound financial decisions, free from greed or envy. Your word assures us that You want us to prosper even as our souls prosper (3 John 1:2). Lord, we want to prosper Your way. May we never succumb to get-rich-quick schemes or ruin our health and relationships by over-working to obtain wealth. Teach us the value of contentment and gratitude, so that we may find joy in the simple things in life.

Grant us the foresight to plan for unexpected expenditure. Your word says that a prudent person foresees adversity and takes precautions, but a foolish one ignores it, and are punished (Proverbs 22:3).

Father, we surrender our anxieties about money to You. By Your grace, we will trust in Your provision and Your guidance. We will strive to be faithful and responsible, and to acknowledge You in all our financial decisions so that You may direct our paths. Lord, let us not put our trust in our cash reserves but in Your promise to provide for us even in old age (Isaiah 46:4).

And, Father, we pray that one day, while we are still living on planet earth, You will consider our financial obedience and say, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, now I will make You ruler over many” (Matthew 25:23).

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.



Receiving Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Cynthia Carter

Spiritual

Father, I thank You and praise You for this life in Christ. Thank You for the access into Your presence to pray and intercede for those who have not yet given their lives to You. Because of Your great love for Your creation, You gave Your only son Jesus who was born to die for the entire world (John 3:16). Father, thank You for Your plan through Christ, You made it possible that we all have access to eternal life. It's Your goodness and Your grace that has made the way for all to come to know You. Your will is that none be lost but that all make a decision for Christ (2 Peter 3:9).

Father, I thank You for showing us the way back to You. Your word says that the only way to You is through Your son Jesus (John 14:6) We know that all have sinned and failed You (Romans 3:23). So, I pray for those who may be listening to this prayer and for any who may sense the need to receive Jesus today.

If that's you, join me in this prayer by repeating after me.

Dear God, thank You for loving me so much and for sending Jesus to die for me. I confess that I have sinned and missed Your plan for my life. I believe with all my heart that Jesus died for me and that You raised Him from the dead that I could be saved and have a personal relationship with You.

I turn from my life of sin, and I embrace this new life. Jesus, come into my heart and be Lord of my life. Help me to follow You. I ask that You fill me with Your Holy Spirit (Luke 11:11-13). Thank You, Heavenly Father, for allowing me to know You and for giving me the power and the ability to follow You daily. Thank You for connecting me today with Jesus, my Lord and Savior. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen!

If you prayed this prayer with me, all of Heaven rejoices because of you (Luke 15:7) Take time to pray and to ask the Lord for a Spirit-filled church to attend. Make it your priority to stay connected (Hebrews 10:25). As you do so, you can experience continual growth and fellowship with the people of God.



Expecting and Accepting God's Answers

Denise Murphy

Spiritual

Precious Father, You are full of grace, kindness, and mercy and we come boldly to You with our prayers. Your word invites us to acknowledge the privilege we have to come into Your presence. As Your daughters made in Your image, we thank You for hearing us and because You hear us, we know we have the petitions that we have brought before You (1 John 5:15). We thank You that these intercessions and requests have been made for others, as well as ourselves. It is Your good pleasure to give us every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). Your answers are near us because we are filled with Your Spirit. The same power that created the world, and raised Jesus from death to life, and brought us from separation to eternal life is the same power that You use to redeem, to restore, to transform, and to bring us to all fullness.

We need Your help when frustration comes, when our timing and expectations do not line up with Yours. We rely too much on our Plan B, our own understanding. Keep frustration from derailing us and stealing the finished product of our faith (1 Timothy 6:12). Help us to be determined to fight to keep our focus on You. Help us not to allow weariness, anxiety, or simmering emotions to build up and interfere with staying on task. Your girdle of truth is the foundation we need. We repent for the times we have learned to our own understanding and tried to work things out independently. We consciously commit to doing what it will take to birth these requests all the way through to bring change.

We pray for Your will to be done and Your glory to be evident as You pour out Your Love in a myriad of ways. Dear Lord, open our hearts to receive Your response to our prayers for we know that You act according to Your plan to bring us to our divine destiny.

We use our authority as believers to uproot any ideas or thoughts that bring doubt. We renounce unbelief and cast out fears that would try to sabotage or hinder Your work behind the scenes. Lord, we chose to commit to believing in Your faithfulness no matter how we feel and no matter what we think. Help us to be focused on the promises from Your written and spoken word. We will trust Your process and Your plan as we wait in our seasons.

We ask these blessings in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

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