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2021 FASTING & PRAYER JOURNAL

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!”

We praise our heavenly Father who has blessed us to see another year. As we say goodbye to 2020 I'm excited about His leading us into 2021. Our lives have already been scripted out according to His word Psalm 139:16. We rejoice because we know that He has great plans in store for us, “to bless us and to prosper us and bring us into an expected end.” Jeremiah 29:11.

As we see where God is at work around us these are indeed awesome opportunities for us to join our heavenly Father as He is advancing His kingdom. We are blessed to be chosen to serve Him in these unprecedented times. We too can glance back at the book of Esther and say of our lives, “For such a time as this.” We like Esther have been chosen to set aside our own interest and let go of our own ambitions and face these times head on with our faith fully in our God.

There is much that we can accomplish as we trust God and walk closely with Him during this season. We are living in what I believe is one of the churches finest hours. The opportunities we have to share the gospel and make Christ known are limitless during this season. Individually and corporately, we must seek to walk in close proximity with Him as He presents opportunities to optimize His kingdom purpose for us.

My brothers and sisters we are positioned on fertile ground, the seeds have been planted and the harvest is plentiful and blossoming. During our time of fasting and prayer I pray that we will seek to have our ears attuned to the Master's voice so that we do not miss our Kingdom assignment.

I encourage each of us to set aside our personal agendas and seek God's face in fasting and prayer in order that we might be revived, renewed, and guided by God. “It's Harvest Time!” I'm asking that we come together during these next 28 days submitting to God's word and the leading of the Holy Spirit praying that God will enlarge our territory spiritually and physically. We are asking God to help us to align ourselves with Him for a greater harvest of not just fruit but much fruit (John 15:8).

The vision that God has given is great and in our own strength and resources impossible, but with God all things are possible. Now is the time for us to fast pray and believe, trusting God to do exceedingly and abundantly above all we ask or think. (Eph 3:20:21)

Consumed By His Call  
Pastor Freddie Hinson Jr. M.Th.

## **Twenty Eight Days of Prayer & Fasting**

*The following are sample prayers to help guide you through our 28 days of prayer.*

1. PRAYING FOR RESTING IN THE LORD
2. PRAYING FOR PROPER ALIGNMENT WITH GOD
3. PRAYING FOR ABIDING IN CHRIST
4. PRAYING TO STRENGTHEN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
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28. PRAYING FOR AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

## (Day 1) PRAYING FOR RESTING IN THE LORD

Lord, bring calm to my soul. Help me to rest in You. You told me in Matthew 11:28-29 that if I come to You and yoke myself with You, that You would give, me rest. I need that Lord. Everywhere there seems to be turmoil. I ask that you give me rest and peace in my heart, in my family, and in society. I look at the news and it's depressing. I hear conversations around me, and they are discouraging. God, I need the tranquility You alone can bring to my soul.

I need to be at peace and calm on the inside in my spirit and soul despite the chaos that I can't control on the outside. Lord, give me the ability to relax in You, to be comfortable in You, and to be trustful of You. To believe You even when I don't feel You, see You or understand You. And Lord let me verify and validate that trust by my praise of You. Help me to say, even when I'm down, what David said In Psalm 42 about running after You like the deer who pants for the water brooks. Enable me to say that I will yet trust in You even though I don't see You right now. I want to know how to wait on You, trust in You, believe in You, and acknowledge that You are in control.

In Christ, amen.

**“God answers the prayers of the man or woman who operates all of his or her life underneath the overarching rule of God.”**

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## **(Day 2) PRAYING FOR PROPER ALIGNMENT WITH GOD**

Lord, often I'm distracted and pulled away from what I should be focused on. Help me to see my moments and days through Your eyes. I want the glasses of the Spirit of God to help me see clearly and put first things first. Let my walk with You be my greatest priority. Let my choices reflect Your overarching rule in my life. Let me influence my spouse and family be focused on You in their decisions as well.

Help me to align myself under You so that my focus is what it should be. Help me to be kingdom-minded in my perspective. Keep me from distractions that would pull me away and cause me to pay too much attention to matters that are of lower priority. Help me to manage my time that I prioritize properly what should come first. Not half of my time, not makeup time, not last-minute time, but time that makes it clear of Your Lordship in my life.

God, as I call on You, as I cry to You, keep me focused on the main things so that my personal life and my family life don't go lacking because I've put other things in their place. Give me Your priorities and help me by reminding me that they should be mine as well.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 3) PRAYING FOR MORE ABIDING IN CHRIST**

Lord, I know that what I want from You comes from intimacy with You. And yet I find myself neglecting Jesus far too often. I don't abide with Him enough. Instead, I abide in my favorite TV shows, the news, social media, and so many other distractions. I stay caught up on all of that, but when it comes to spending time with Jesus, I barely make time for Him. I don't hang out with my Savior.

Jesus, I recognize the need to include You in all of my life. This means I need to spend more time with You. It's only as I interface with You and spend time with You that I'll see You at -work in my life. You are my king, and I want to have a healthy relationship with you. Help me to know You better and spend more quality time with You. Help me to wholeheartedly yield to Your authority. May I be more in tune with You. I want to be on the same wavelength as You so that I am hearing from You, experiencing You, and growing in You. Help me to realize more of Your work in my life.

Lord, in the times when I forget You, speak to me through Your Spirit, prick my heart and bring conviction when we need more time together. I want to grow closer to You, and make You more of a priority in my life,

In Christ, amen.

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**(Day 4) PRAYING FOR STRENGTHENING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Lord, help me in my decision making. Show me the right choices so that I can honor You in what I decide to do?

Please start with the decisions I need to make about my walk with You. Help me to make good choices about the amount of time I spend in prayer and reading my Bible. There are times when I go too long without praising, convict me of this when I haven't stopped to talk with you for a while.

God, don't allow me to get used to not having personal time with You or unveiling my soul to You. Let me be intentional about coming to You, Lord, don't let me approach You with generalities and vagueness. Let me come to You with complete transparency, letting You know my specific thoughts, struggles, and doubts. Let me commit myself to talking with You regularly so that You can meet me where I am and heal me where I am.

Give me clarity of mind to make wise and informed choices the first time around. Let me exercise discipline to not make wrong choices over and over. Thank You that as You correct me, You show mercy. Let me be earnest, staying connected with You so that I remain in the place of blessing.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 5) PRAYING FOR A SPIRITUAL SENSITIVITY**

Lord, I want to serve others better. I want our community to benefit from what I have to offer. There are so many different ways I could serve for the benefit of our community. Help me to be sensitive to where the Spirit is leading me. Point me to the people that You want me to reach, and to the entities You want me to be involved with. Help me with wisdom so that I don't waste my time, my life, my gifts, or my efforts. But I also don't want to be selfish.

You told me that I'm to love others starting with my family, then the body of Christ, then my community. May everything I do contribute toward a wholesome, healthy, safe, and productive family, church, and society. Show me where I can make the best use of my limited time. Reveal to me where I should invest myself for the maximum, benefit that You want to produce through me. After I've taken the time to meet the needs of my family, show me who You want me to minister to next. I know that Jesus didn't serve at random. You led Him where You wanted Him to go. Lead me Lord, and I'll go where You want me to go. I desire to follow You. Make me a wise steward of the time and talents You have given me.

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## **(Day 6) PRAYING FOR DIRECTION**

Lord, its so easy to make wrong decisions. Many times when I am at a crossroad, I don't know which way to go. There are times I don't even see the roads clearly. I yield and give You the right to enter my world and to tell me what You want. May I trust the illumination of the Holy Spirit and obey Your written Word, which gives me all the wisdom I need for the decisions I have to make daily.

Lord, I'm not smart enough to make life's decisions on my own. You know I've made too many dumb ones. I recognize that I have a finite mind, and that affects the choices I make. Your wisdom is infinite, and I want to be able to say, like Jesus, that I did what You wanted me to do. Jesus said in John 17 that He did Your will. I also want to do Your will. want You to lead me in all that I do. As Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Lord, point me in the direction You want me to take so that I will do what You say is right for me to do. May my ears and heart be alert to Your guidance so that I can walk in Your will, according to Your Word. Thank You for directing me personally.

In Christ, amen.

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## (Day 7) PRAYING FOR GRATITUDE

Lord, help me to be grateful and not a complainer. Help me to see the wonderful things that You've done for me and through me. Help me to recognize what I should be grateful for. May I forever and always show my gratitude by looking for Your goodness in all things. You have given me so much that I often take things for granted. Sometimes I don't recognize Your good gifts until I'm faced with bad or negative things. This makes it easier for me to grumble rather than give thanks.

Forgive me for my complaining spirit when I have one. And, Lord, while I want to be honest with You about what I see and feel, I don't want to come to You only in the times when life goes wrong. Though I want to have an honest relationship with you where I can be open about my raw emotions. Lord, I don't want to be like the Israelites when they were in the wilderness, complaining incessantly at what they saw as challenges rather than opportunities.

Lord, help me to be grateful. I want to be thankful for all that You have given to me and to those whom I love. Allow me to experience more of Your blessings to be thankful for each of them and may I not miss even the little things You bring my way. May I not overlook the everydayness of Your faithfulness. Your mercies are new every morning, and for that I am filled with gratitude.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 8) PRAYING FOR TIME WITH GOD**

Lord, one way I procrastinate too frequently is when it comes to spending time with You. I seem to be able to make time for myself pretty well. I've been good at setting aside time for the stuff I like to do, like being on my devices or doing my favorite hobby, and I always make time for work, watching the news, or surfing the Internet. Yet somehow, I'm too busy to make time for You. I confess that as a sin. And I ask, please forgive me.

I want to set a daily habit of making time for You time in Your Word, time in Your presence and time in prayer. I can't keep saying that I am unable to live without You yet go through my days living without You: So, Lord, I want Your Holy Spirit to wear me out with conviction when I miss my time with You while I'm making time for everything else. Here I am. I want to start today and no longer procrastinate, even if it's only five minutes, ten minutes, or fifteen minutes. Whatever it is, I want to Start now.

You say in John 15 that without You, I can do nothing. I now choose to operate on that truth. I choose to give You time each day because You give me time all day every day. May I constantly be reminded that I cannot live this life without You. Correct me when I miss my, appointment with You. And as time goes on, encourage me to increase it. I love You so much that I don't want to miss it anymore.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 9) PRAYING FOR GOD’S WILL IN MY LIFE**

Lord, You proclaim in Your Word that You reveal Your will to those who are willing to do it. Every day that I get up, I ask that Your Holy Spirit remind me to submit to Your will? Help me to earnestly seek and fully know Your will for my life, and to do so without attempting to negotiate any of it.

May I express complete submission to Your will even before I know how You plan to carry it out. And may I continue to submit to it when I see how You are moving forward. May Your will be so dominant in my thinking, my desires, and my priorities that I cannot escape it. Let my heart seek Your will above all else. And then, based on what You do and how You lead me by the Holy Spirit, may I fully yield to Your guidance, even if I don't understand or if I'm confused by it.

Father, Your will is paramount to me, and I want to carry it out well. I want to honor You with my obedience rather than lapse into resistance and faithlessness. Make me a man who does not argue with You; but instead trusts You in every step that I take. Father, I thank You for showing me Your will because that's what I want to do as a child who brings you glory.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 10) PRAYING TO EXERCISE SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY**

Lord, I want to exercise legitimate authority in my life and in all the decisions that I make. I want to be able to call heaven's power and involvement down into the world in which I now live. Make me a prayer warrior who exercises binding and loosing under Your hand. Father, the authority that You have given to the church is the same authority that You have given to me. Make my intimacy with You to be so strong that John 15 is my legacy that whatever I ask for, You answer because I'm so into Your will that we're on the same wavelength and my prayers are heard by You.

Father, give me increased opportunities to exercise spiritual authority. May people see that I have the spirit of Elijah, and that Elijah's authority is on me. May the mantle that I'm carrying when I step into a room, when I'm involved with people, be Your mantle. May others sense God all over me. May they sense the anointing of Your Spirit. Lord, give me biblical authority so that I can bring change to people's lives because of the change You're bringing to my life and because Your Spirit is covering me. Endow me with Your Spirit's power, Lord, so that I can bring about changes for Your good and for Your glory, and for the benefit of others.

In Christ, amen.

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**(Day 11) PRAYING FOR BALANCE IN MY LIFE**

Lord, help me keep a healthy balance between all my responsibilities. Let me not neglect any, let me serve You with excellence without compromising or downgrading my service to You in my family.

Help me to see my family and serving You as a joy and not a drudgery and let me be diligent about meeting their needs. Help me to balance what I do and how I do it. Let me be willing to give up some of my entertainment time, if it means You need me to serve my family’s needs.

It can be tough balancing things but Lord, I know with Your Spirit and Your guidance, I can do it well. I’m leaning on You to help me do what is right and best for my spiritual health, my family and Your kingdom.

Lord, help me to establish healthy boundaries. I realize that living a servant lifestyle can sometimes cause the lines to be blurry, but I don’t want to work in my own ego, my own strength or my own will. I want to place You first and have balance and proper rest that I can enjoy life as You have given it to me. Help me to walk in such synchronization with You that every area of my life is balanced. Let me enjoy the life and life more abundantly that You give. Allow my time with my family and those whom You bring into my life to be a real blessing and testimony of Your love, goodness, and grace. I ask this because I want to please You and be a good spouse, parent, and servant of the kingdom.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 12) PRAYING FOR GOD'S FAVOR**

Lord, will You give me Your favor? May I live under the cover of Your blessing? Deuteronomy 29 says that Your covenant gives blessing. I want to live in Your favor and in Your good graces.

Lord, when I'm walking away from Your favor, when I'm leaving the tent, when I'm going into the world, when I'm abandoning Your way and Your will and Your Word, make me so unhappy and so uncomfortable that I run back into the covering of Your favor. Cause me to return to the covenant of blessing.

Father, may I be able to say that one day in Your house, in Your favor, is more delight to me than a thousand days somewhere else. One day with You is better than a million years without You. I've lived too many days without Your favor, and the price tag has been high, I don't want to pay that price any longer. I want the rest of my life to be lived in Your favor so that when I'm going through a rough time, I still know and feel the abundance of Your presence. Lord, grant me Your favor.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 13) PRAYING FOR VICTORY OVER FEAR**

Lord, as Your child I often hide my fears. I cover them up so that others don't see them. I don't want people to think I'm fearful. So, I keep my fears in my closet. But the truth is I can't hide them from You. You know my heart and my concerns. You know what makes me anxious. I want to tell You now the things that weigh upon my heart in the hopes that You can provide insights from Your Word that will bring me calm assurance.

Sometimes I think about death, and it scares me. Especially when I hear about it in the lives of others. Or I become afraid when I hear about illnesses that other people have because I wonder what would happen if I or a loved one were to become similarly ill, or I think about what could happen to my children. Sometimes I imagine the worst possible scenarios, which in turn, cause me to worry. Even though you call worry a sin, I admit I succumb to it and I'm sorry. Please forgive me.

I want to release and tell my fears to You. Father, I invite You to invade my fears and turn them into faith. You do not want me to live in a spirit of fear, and I don't want fear to control me. I want to release my fears to You so that I can live in peace and confidence no matter what comes my way.

In Christ, amen.

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## (Day 14) PRAYING TO UNDERSTAND MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Lord, help me to understand my value? Help me to see my worth in Christ. Make me realize how much You love me and how significant I am to You. I admit that there are times when I don't see or feel that value. I don't recognize the worth You have given to me. I'm sure that is my own fault. Maybe it's because of how I am choosing to look at myself. Or maybe it's because I let the people and things around me determine my value. Let me not compare myself to others on social media or in my family or anyone in this world. I know its never good to compare myself to others because it takes my eyes off of You and I forget my worth to You. I know You said I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Let me see how You look at me, love me, and smile as I'm an apple of Your eye. Let me rest in the security of my value. Let me see how You see me, then I can remind myself of my true value. God, I don't want to think more of myself than I ought, but I also don't want to think less of myself. I want to think what You think. Show me Your thoughts about me so that I can think those thoughts too. For then I will be the real Christian you want me to be, and not fake looking to fake things or fake people to give me a fake and a wrong definition of who I am. You are my identity, and I want Your identity alone to determine how I view myself.

In Christ, amen.

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## (Day 15) PRAYING FOR GOD’S GLORY

Lord, manifest Your glory to me. Let me feel the full weight and the impact of Your presence in my life, thoughts, and actions. May the gap between me and You close up more and more so that I am able to walk with a greater sense of Your mightiness and strength. Let the atmosphere be more electric around me because of Your consuming of me. Be the fire that burns away unrighteousness and that illuminates Your glory as You did with Moses on the mountain. Your, glory was so visible with Moses that others could see it radiate from him. I want to be that person whom others experience You more fully when they are in my presence because Your glory rests on me so heavily. Let Your glory surround me always.

Lord, may Your glory shine through me. Let me be a person who exudes Your manifold presence through my life. I don’t want to merely talk about it or say how great You are; I want it to be my experience. I want it to be an authentic extension of myself so that anyone who gets close to me will run into Your glory. Make me to radiate Your glory because I am consumed by that same glory.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 16) PRAYING FOR EXPANDING MY BOUNDARIES**

Lord, show me the boundaries You want me to operate within in my life. Keep me from going outside of the limits that You have prescribed for me so that I don't live in a constant state of frustration. I also don't want to pursue goals that did not originate in Your leading, for Your power and Your presence will not be in those pursuits, which would lead only to difficulties and unfruitfulness.

When my choices do not align with Your design and will for me, I am chasing after the wind. Help me to know the limits of Your calling on my life, my giftedness, and the scope of influence You want me to have. At the same time, may I not be satisfied with where I am at. Maximize my life to the full extent of the boundaries You have set for me. May I not restrict myself out of fear, inactivity, or laziness. Instead, may I reach the far ends of all that You have prescribed for me so that nothing is left undone when my time comes to enter heaven. May I finish my course and complete all that You've called me to do. Enable me to recognize Your calling to the uttermost, Lord, so that I do all You have created me to live out.

In Christ, amen.

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## (Day 17) PRAYING FOR USING GOD'S GIFTS I'VE BEEN GIVEN

Lord, You made it clear in Your Word that You've given every believer spiritual gifts. You've given each of us divine enablement's for the purpose of serving You and others. Please make it clear what my gifts are so that I'm not just going through the motions, but I'm fulfilling my purpose through the use of my gifts. Make it so that I'm not merely busy, but I am on target with the time and the talents that You have put on loan to me.

Lord, I don't want to waste my life. I want to invest in Your kingdom. And that means I need to know clearly how to put my gifts to use so that the Holy Spirit can take me to the next level of my spiritual growth in You. Father, I want to know the gifts, to see them, to understand them, to develop them, and to utilize them for Your glory and the good of others. I realize that there is coming a day when You will reward me for how my gifts were used. May I be diligent, then, in putting those enablement's to use. Thank You that, as I exercise good stewardship of Your gifts, I will discover the power of contentment in all that I do.

In Christ, amen.

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**(Day 18) PRAYING FOR GOD’S PURPOSE FOR ME**

Lord, You said in Acts 13:36 that David served Your purposes for his generation. That's what I want to do as well. I want to serve Your purposes, not my own. I want to do what You want, and to do it the way You want if done.

Lord, show me Your purpose. Show me Your divine design for how You want to use my gifts, talents, personality, and experiences to advance Your kingdom and to bring good to others. May I make myself wholly available to You so that You can do Your work through me unhindered.

I want to fulfill Your kingdom purpose for my life. I don't want to just work, come home, retire, and watch television and travel or do things that have no eternal benefit. I want to be a person of destiny, a person who uses their spiritual giftedness to make a difference in the lives of others. Give me Your vision for my life and clarify it so that I can act on it. Thank You for showing me Your purpose for me.

In Christ, amen.

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## (Day 19) PRAYING FOR GOD’S PURPOSE FOR MY FAMILY

Lord, I know one of the purposes You've given me is to guide my family to their purpose, and that means that I need to understand clearly what You want done with my family. I'm going to start with Your Word, and I'm going to expose myself to what You are insisting that I do. As I do that, help me to see the uniqueness of my family members to see their talents and skills so that I can help guide them to their purpose.

I want to fulfill my responsibility to encourage them to seek Your purpose for their lives. Help me to see what You see in each loved one You've placed in my care and pray and encourage them according to the unique way You've created them.

Lord, help me to encourage my family so that they seek Your will for life and not merely existing. Let me be used to point them to you so that You can use each one in Your own unique way. Give me insight on how to point my loved ones first and foremost toward You.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 20) PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEADING**

Lord, help me to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit so that I know when You are speaking to me. Train to be able to hear what You are saying to me. I want to know that I'm not hearing foreign voices or being tricked by the devil. Cover me with the blood of Jesus Christ and protect me from Satan's twisting of Your Word or distorting of what is said to me by You. Give me spiritual sensitivity to You. Give me the anointing, that receiver in my heart, mind, and spirit that picks up on the divine wavelength.

Lord, I want Your Spirit to speak into my human spirit so that my soul is fed by You. So that my mind is trained by You. So that my decisions are influenced by You. Will You give me an awareness of Your presence? Give me that inner sense, that inner radar that enables me to know how I am to act in whatever situation I am in. May the living Word penetrate the division of my soul and spirit so that I know what is of my thoughts and what is of Your thoughts.

Lord, speak to me. I want to hear Your voice clearly. When I am confused, realign me so that I am moving in sync with You. I want only Your direction for my life because I want to do Your will. Give me Your guidance please.

In Christ, amen.

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## (Day 21) PRAYING FOR UNITY

Lord, in the world in which we live, our communities are decaying. May I not simply be a complainer about this, but rather, a healer who offers solutions. May my involvement in my community demonstrate Christlikeness. May I follow in Christ's footsteps and bring help to others as He did. May I bring unity where there is division. May I actively, condemn wrong and promote what is right.

May my presence in my community be wholesome and uplifting and strengthening so that others are inspired to make positive contributions as well. May my family have that kind of influence too. May we all serve in ways that build bridges that cross racial, denominational, social, and cultural lines. May our neighborhood not simply be a place where we live, but where we are involved and are a powerful force for change. May our presence make a real difference for unity among people, and may we make time to do the things that will forge oneness.

Give me wisdom on how to best use my time, and our family time, for the well-being, stability, harmony, and improvement of the community that I seek to serve.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 22) PRAYER FOR BUILDING OTHERS UP**

Lord, I know that You have a heart for discipleship. I know that You want us to invest in the lives of others and have others invest in us. Show me who You want me to mentor. Reveal to me who I can look to as an example so that as I'm poured into, I also pour out to others.

Father, keep me from becoming a cul-de-sac that seeks only what is good for me; rather than living as a conduit through which blessings can flow through me to others. I know that Your definition of a blessing is not only what flows to me, but also what flows through me. May I be a vehicle, a channel, a tool that You can use to help other people grow in their faith, commitment, and leadership.

May I make time to invest in others. Help me to avoid the trap of watching out only for myself. I want the spiritual riches that You give to be handed on to others—so that when it's all said and done, others have been encouraged by my growth as well as their own. You give so that we might give to others. May I be generous as I disciple others and receive the guidance others give me.

In Christ, amen.

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**(DAY 23) PRAYING FOR THE HEART OF A SERVANT**

Lord, I pray that You would give me the heart of a servant. May I not become so independent or prideful that I want to be served and wind up not serving anyone else. Help me to be like Jesus, who sought to serve all. I want to be the kind of Christian who is willing to put on a towel, fill up a basin with water, and wash people's feet. Help me to understand what washing feet translates into for everyday life in today's culture. Give me opportunities to do this well, and provide the boldness and confidence I need to walk through the open doors You provide as I wash the feet of others. May I be a foot-washing kind of Christian, one who humbly serves.

Lord, I pray that You would equip and enable me to fulfill the destiny You've created for me to carry out. Help me to serve You in word and deed, and to glorify Your name in everything I do. To serve and honor You, Lord, is my highest purpose and goal. You are worthy of my service, commitment, love, time, and attention. May I give of my time, talents, and treasures as if doing so were second nature to me.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 24) PRAYING TO GROW IN GOD'S WORD**

Lord, as I sit before Your Word and meditate on what You have said, I ask that Your Holy Spirit give me understanding. As I sit before Your truths, I ask that You help me understand what the author of the text is saying to his audience, and also what You are saying to me. Give me insight to know what You're telling me to do. Open my mind so that I know what You want me to think and where You want me to go. Please speak to me from Your Word and Your Spirit, and give me the power to apply what I read, learn, and study.

Don't let me go to church, hear the preacher, and call it a day. Help me to be alert to Your Word and know what I should do. And keep me from procrastinating so that I follow through on Your instructions. May I not only be a hearer of the Word, but an effectual doer of it as well. You said that if I applied Your Word to my life, I would be blessed. With that in mind, I want to sit before it. I want to understand it. Then I want to do it so that I can get the benefits of obedience operating in my life. May I not neglect Your Word because that would be tantamount to neglecting You. Let the Holy Spirit speak to me from Your Word so that it influences my life and the lives I touch.

Lord, give me a love for Scripture. Make me a person who continually pursues and grows in the Word. Give me the discipline to not hurry when I sit before You. I don't want to merely "read a verse a day to keep the devil away." Rather, I want Your Word to be a primary focus in my life. Please bring scriptures to my mind by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and may I meditate on them and see them at work in my life.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 25) PRAYING FOR BIGGER VISION**

Lord, help me to look further than I can see. I want to be a person of faith, a person with vision. Help me not to be like the king who didn't shoot all his arrows out the window. I want to shoot all my arrows. I want to see all that heaven wants to accomplish in me, for me, to me, and through me in my life, for my family, for my church, and for the community and world in which I live.

Help me to see what You see for me and not be limited to my finite vision. But also help me to have the right vision I don't want to think big or see big with the wrong motives. Help me to keep Your glory in mind as You show me what You want for my life. As I spend time in Your presence, make Your vision for my life clear so that I do not waste time dreaming wrong dreams that will become nightmares because they weren't Your desires for me. Dream through me. May Your Holy Spirit put Your thoughts in my mind so that I am dreaming Your dreams and not merely my own. I want to have Your perspective for my life.

In Christ, amen.

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**(Day 26) PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH**

Lord, I ask that You bless my church, cover, strengthen, and give it favor. Let our church be a place of HOPE. Guide us so that we will become a disciple-making church. Equip me so that I can serve as a disciple-maker.

Give me opportunities to disciple and make a difference not only in their lives, but the lives of all whom they know. May the ministry that I perform benefit Your kingdom. Let me meet the needs of those whom I serve and remember those who serve with me. Together, may we become a vibrant force for good in our church.

Help our church to have an impact on our community. May we not just fulfill our duties, but have a ministry mindset about all we do, however big or small. Thank You for the fact that serving You brings personal reward and satisfaction, and that it changes lives. May I never simply go through the motions of carrying out a responsibility or assignment so I can check a box or say I've done my part, let everything I do come from my heart. Lord, please cover the ministry in which I serve, and cover those who minister with me.

In Christ, amen.

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## **(Day 27) PRAYING FOR MY MARRIAGE**

Lord, I pray for my marriage. As I do so; I realize that *means* praying first and foremost for my spouse. I ask that You guard them, guide them, and protect them. At the same time, may I be intentional about paying attention to their needs, wants, and *desires*. Help me to make our marriage not just about me and my dreams and the ways that my spouses can help me. Instead, may she/he sense that every decision I make takes them into consideration. May it be evident that I have their best interests in mind. Lord, may I never become so prideful that I fail to seek their advice, suggestions, thoughts, and warnings.

God, may I let them know that their thoughts and what they say matters immensely to me. May they never feel ignored or marginalized because I've got time for everybody and everything else but them. Help me to search for ways that I can invest in their interests, and may I genuinely support what You have called my spouse to do and help my spouse make that happen. I don't want to be the kind of husband or wife who demands that they set their dreams and goals aside for my sake. Help me to stay focused on my spouse Lord, and not insist that my spouse stay focused on me. Help me to make our marriage relationship a place of equality and enjoyment. Let love lead everything we do, and let grace season every word we say.

In Christ, amen.

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**(Day 28) PRAYING FOR AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE**

Lord, give me an eternal perspective. Help me to see eternity and not just stare at time. May I live in time better and more productively because I see eternity more clearly. Help me to dream for heaven so that I live better on earth. Help me see the reward of the judgment seat of Christ as a motivation for my decision-making now. Help me to reverse trends in my life that would take away the reward that You have for me so that I can stand before You with confidence. I do not want to be ashamed at Your coming because I squandered my days and my life.

Help me to live in light of Your coming, with an eternal perspective that spurs me to make good decisions and wise choices. It is true that You could come at any moment. Because of this, I want my moments to matter. I want Your will to be achieved because I'm looking at You. May my focus always be on heaven, mindful of the rewards You promise to give me in eternity based on my service to You on earth. Lord, help me to build my life not on wood and stubble but rather on gold, silver, and precious stones all because I've embraced an eternal perspective.

In Christ, amen.

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