

## Prayer Prompts for Nexus Community

# Prayer Scripts

**Sunday Morning:** Gathering the team, pray for God's spirit to settle into our service. Ask for opportunities for our team to connect with new people throughout the week. Pray for surrender of hearts during services.

**Scripture:** Jude 1:22 Prayer: Merciful God, fill our hearts with compassion for those who are lost, hurting, or marginalized. Help us to extend a hand of kindness and support, offering practical help and sharing the hope of your gospel. May our acts of compassion serve as a powerful witness to your love and grace.

- Lord, we pray for team members who are resourceful and have a strong problem-solving mindset.
- Dear God, please provide us with team members who are proactive and take the initiative to help others.
- Lord, we ask for team members who are adaptable and can readily embrace change and innovation.
- Heavenly Father, we ask for an increase in the number of supporters for this cause. Open the hearts of individuals, businesses, and organizations to see the importance of investing in the growth of churches and planters in our region. overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 33:3: "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

- Dear Lord, please guide us in finding the right team members who share our passion and vision.
- Lord, we pray for team members who are resilient and can handle challenges with grace.
- Dear God, please bless us with team members who are self-motivated and driven to excel.
- Lord, we pray for unity among the churches and planters in our region. May we work together with a shared purpose, reminding one another of Your faithfulness and the importance of supporting one another.

**Scripture:** Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

- Pray for spiritual protection over the team.

**Scripture:** "Finally, dear Christians, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked people; for not all have faith." - 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

**Scripture:** Psalm 136:26 - "Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever."

• We pray for a steadfast love for our neighbors. We give thanks to You, the God of heaven, for Your steadfast love that endures forever.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

- Fill our hearts with Your love, that we may show compassion and care to all the people we encounter through this work.
- Lord, we pray for a spirit of abundance to fill our hearts and minds. Help us understand that generosity is not simply about giving money, but also about sharing our time, talents, and resources with those in need.

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:9-10 - "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way."

**Scripture:** Psalm 133:1 - "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live in unity!"

- Prayer: We desire for our church to be a place where unity prevails.
- Teach us to love and respect one another, striving for harmony and oneness among us.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 27:17 - "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

• Prayer: Lord, we pray that You bring individuals into our church plant who will strengthen and encourage one another. May we sharpen each other spiritually, growing in faith and wisdom together.

# Twenty Famous Prayers

## **The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13**

Our Father, who are in heaven, holy is your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Twenty-Third Psalm – Psalms 23:1-6**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **The Serenity Prayer – Reinhold Niebuhr**

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen.

## **Instrument of Your Peace – St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith,  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

## **Christ Be With Me – St. Patrick**

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Christ.  
May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us.

## **Help Me Live It – Keith Green**

Oh Lord, You're beautiful; Your face is all I see; For when Your eyes are on this child; Your grace abounds to me.  
Oh Lord, please light the fire; That once burned bright and clean; Replace the lamp of my first love; That burns with holy fear  
I want to take Your Word and shine it all around; But first help me just to live it, Lord; And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a crown; For my reward is giving glory to You.

## **Covenant Prayer – John Wesley**

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
you are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

#### **Lead Us – St. Augustine**

Lead us, O God, from the sight of the lovely things of the world; To the thought of thee their Creator; And grant that delighting in the beautiful things of thy creation; we may delight in thee, the first author of beauty; and the Sovereign Lord of all thy works, blessed for evermore.

#### **Let Me Serve You – St. Theresa of Avila**

Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you in the way you will and not as I choose. Let me die to myself so that I may serve you; let me live to you who are life itself. Amen.

#### **Trinity – St. Ethelwold**

May God the Father bless us; may Christ take care of us; the Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life.  
The Lord be our defender and keeper of body and soul; both now and forever, to the ages of ages.

#### **Empty Vessel – Martin Luther**

Behold, Lord, An empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; Strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; Warm me and make me fervent That my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; At times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee. In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; Thou art upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; In thee is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you of whom I can receive; But to whom I may not give. Amen.

#### **Lead Me – Thomas Merton**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

#### **Receive Grace – John Wesley**

O God, seeing as there is in Christ Jesus an infinite fullness of all that we can want or desire, may we all receive from him, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, Which will enable us to be transformed into the blessed image in which you created us. O make us all acceptable to be partakers of the inheritance of your saints in light. Amen.

#### **We Bless You – John Wesley**

O LORD God Almighty, Father of angels and men, We praise and bless your holy name for all your goodness and loving kindness to humanity. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and for your unceasing generosity to us throughout our lives; But above all, we bless you for your great love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We bless you for bringing us safe to the beginning of a new day. Grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger. Keep us, we pray, from all things hurtful to body or soul, and grant us your pardon and peace, so that, being cleansed from all our sins, We might serve you with quiet hearts and minds, and continue in the same until our life's end, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

**Beloved – John Wesley**

Now, to God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved;  
to God the Son, who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood;  
to God the Holy Ghost, who shed the love of God abroad in our hearts,  
be all love and all glory in time and to all eternity.  
Amen.

**An Act of Appeal – St. Augustine**

Give me yourself, O my God, give yourself to me. Behold I love you, and if my love is too weak a thing, grant me to love you more strongly. I cannot measure my love to know how much it falls short of being sufficient, but let my soul hasten to your embrace and never be turned away until it is hidden in the secret shelter of your presence. This only do I know, that it is not good for me when you are not with me, when you are only outside me. I want you in my very self. All the plenty in the world which is not my God is utter want. Amen.

**Indwelling of the Spirit – St. Augustine**

Holy Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son, Hope of the afflicted, descend into my heart and establish in it your loving dominion. Enkindle in my tepid soul the fire of your Love so that I may be wholly subject to you. We believe that when you dwell in us, you also prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Deign, therefore, to come to me, Consoler of abandoned souls, and Protector of the needy. Help the afflicted, strengthen the weak, and support the wavering. Come and purify me. Let no evil desire take possession of me. You love the humble and resist the proud. Come to me, glory of the living, and hope of the dying. Lead me by your grace that I may always be pleasing to you. Amen.

**You Over Me – St. Augustine**

Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know You, and desire nothing save only You.  
Let me hate myself and love You.  
Let me do everything for the sake of You.  
Let me humble myself and exalt You.  
Let me think of nothing except You.  
Let me die to myself and live in You.  
Let me accept whatever happens as from You.  
Let me banish self and follow You, and ever desire to follow You.  
Let me fly from myself and take refuge in You,  
That I may deserve to be defended by You.  
Let me fear for myself.  
Let me fear You, and let me be among those who are chosen by You.  
Let me distrust myself and put my trust in You.  
Let me be willing to obey for the sake of You.  
Let me cling to nothing save only to You,  
And let me be poor because of You.  
Look upon me, that I may love You.  
Call me that I may see You, and for ever enjoy You. Amen.

**Help me Trust – St. Augustine**

My God, let me know and love you, so that I may find my happiness in you. Since I cannot fully achieve this on earth, help me to improve daily until I may do so to the full. Enable me to know you ever more on earth, so that I may know you perfectly in heaven. Enable me to love you ever more on earth, so that I may love you perfectly in heaven. In that way my joy may be great on earth, and perfect with you in heaven. O God of truth, grant me the happiness of heaven so that my joy may be full in accord with your promise. In the meantime let my mind dwell on that happiness, my tongue speak of it, my heart pine for it, my mouth pronounce it, my soul hunger for it, my flesh thirst for it, and my entire being desire it until I enter through death in the joy of my Lord forever. Amen.

**Strengthen Us – Thomas a Kempis**

God, our Father, we are exceedingly frail and indisposed to every virtuous and gallant undertaking. Strengthen our weakness, we beseech you, that we may do valiantly in this spiritual war; help us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts. for Jesus Christ's sake.

Happy and blessed praying!

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