

## Directed prayer

Bible passages for focused prayer

### **Bible passages:**

#### **For yourself**

Pray ...

... for purification of your thoughts, words, and behaviors so that you will be a channel for God's love in your family, church, and workplace.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

2 Corinthians 2:13-15

Philippians 4:8

Colossians 1:9-12

1 Peter 1:13-16

1 Peter 5-6

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#### **For your family and home**

Pray ...

... that God will give you wisdom to conduct family life according to biblical principles in all areas.

... for all the little and big problems of everyday life (e.g. health, finances, child rearing, etc.).

Psalms 127:1a

Proverbs 3:33

Ephesians 4:31-32

Ephesians 6:4

Jacobus 1:5

Jacobus 3:13-16

1 Peter 3:8-9

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## For your church

Pray ...

... for growth of the church both inwardly and outwardly: that individual members will be strengthened in the faith and "sent to every good work," and that outsiders will also find their way to Jesus and into the church.

... that the co-workers in the congregation work well together, and that one esteems the other more highly than himself.

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... for sick or especially challenged members of the congregation.

Psalm 1:1-3

Psalm 23:6

Psalm 37:23

Psalm 51:17

Psalm 72:18-19

Psalm 84:11

Ephesians 3:14-20

Ephesians 5:1-4

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## For where you live

Pray ...

... that you will have the opportunity and courage to talk to your neighbors about Jesus Christ.

... for a strong witness of Christians and the community of your place through unity with one another and love for one another.

Psalm 127:1b

Jeremiah 33:3-8

John 13:34-35

1 Corinthians 10. 32

2 Corinthians 2:14

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

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## **For our country**

Pray ...

... that the question of God will arise again in our people and country more intensely.

... that the Holy Spirit will bring about an attitude of repentance in broad segments of the population, so that people will reach out for God's forgiveness and grace.

... that students and faculty in universities will abandon false worldviews and turn to the truth-Jesus Christ.

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... that ways and means be found to bring the gospel also to the millions of workers in the factories.

... that terrorism be effectively curbed.

... for preservation from war.

1 Genesis 18:22-33

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

2 Chronicles 15:2

2 Chronicles 20:3-6, 12

2 Chronicles 24:20

2 Chronicles 30:12

. Chronicles 30:12

Ezra 8:21-23

Psalms 101:6

Jeremiah 22:9

Ezekiel 8:17-18

Romans 14:19

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## **For leaders**

Pray ...

... for leaders to awaken in them a desire to know Jesus Christ personally

... that they become willing to place their lives completely under God's Lordship with all the important tasks and decisions they have to make every day.

... that professors, scientists, artists, writers, teachers, industrialists, journalists, doctors, judges, prosecutors, famous athletes, and others who make a public impact not only pursue personal goals

but have Christ as the goal of their lives.

Proverbs 21:2

1 Samuel 12, 13

Isaiah 53, 12

Daniel 5, 31-32

Acts. 17, 4

Romans 13, 1

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

1 Timothy 2:1-4

1 Timothy 6:15

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## **For world missions**

... that the "Lord of the harvest" desires to send workers to every nation, tribe, and language group.

... for the penetration of every territory where freedom for mission does not yet exist.

... for the missionaries who are supported by your congregation or by you personally.

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... that guest workers and foreign students will meet Christians who will credibly witness Jesus Christ to them and open their homes to them.

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... that more Christians in our country will become willing to forgo material security and prosperity in order to bring the gospel to people who have never heard it before.

1 Chronicles 16:23-24

1 Chronicles 16:28-30

Isaiah 42:6

Isaiah 51:5

Isaiah 62:2

Isaiah 66:19-20

Romans 3:29

Romans 10:14

Revelation 7:9-10

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## **For those who live in separation from God**

Pray ...

... for the evangelistic penetration of our country and the whole world.

... that people would get knowledge of sin, turn to God, and be set free from the power of Satan.

Isaiah 44:6-8

Luke 19:10

John 6:44

Romans 3:30

Ephesians 2:1-4

1 Timothy 2:3-6

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## **For the sick, lonely, desperate and persecuted**

Pray ...

... that they will come to know Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd who cares for them personally.

... that they can accept even hard ways from God's hand.

... that they will realize the extent to which they can help or give joy to one or another (call, visit, gift, errand, etc.).

Psalms 46:2

Isaiah 40:27-31

Matthew 5:4

John 16:33

Apostles 3:6

Apostles 3:19-20

Philippians 2, 27

1 Peter 5:7-10

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## **For prisoners and bound**

Pray ...

... for all who find themselves in the vicious cycle of drugs, alcohol, immorality, and crime, that they may long for deliverance and meet Christians who will help them experience that deliverance

through witness and action.

...for your attitude toward these people to be free from all judgment and self-righteousness, and to become expressions of the divine Savior's will.

...that prisoners in penal institutions hear the gospel of God's love and willingness to forgive, and claim it for themselves personally.

Isaiah 61:1-2

Matthew 5:44-46

Matthew 7:1-2

Matthew 23:36

John 8:36

Romans 6:19-23

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Colossians 3:5

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## **For mass media**

Pray ...

... that publishers, producers, journalists, and actors will once again wake up to God's principles and realize how empty human philosophies are.

... that influential figures in these fields become Christians and thereby ambassadors of reconciliation.

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... that through newspapers, radio, and television, the clear message of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed more widely.

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 2:6

Proverbs 15, 26

Proverbs 29:8

Isaiah 53:12

Joel 2, 21

Mark 6, 42-44

Colossians 2, 8

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