

The Most Powerful Prayers in the Universe

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Introduction

Credit must be given to Dr. Kenneth Hagin who initially introduced me to these truths.

Paul The Apostle didn't pray BAND-AID prayers. His were not EMERGENCY prayers, only scratching the SURFACE. His prayers were not aimed at merely putting out the brush fires in people's lives. His prayers went beyond their visible struggles and got to ROOTS, to the invisible part of them where real change and spiritual transformation was needed. He knew, that if he prayed these Holy Spirit inspired prayers instead of focusing on the outward circumstances, that Bible results were surely guaranteed. The outward problems would naturally disappear if the needs of the inner man were met.

And God thought so highly of these prayers that He had them recorded and canonized into the Bible for us to pray over ourselves, our family members, our friends, and churches.

For Best Results: Pray these prayers aloud to God and repeatedly for many days by inserting the name of the person in the blanks. Prepare for astounding results! God is bound by His own Word to answer the prayers written in His Word! As you pray these prayers, often you will feel the Holy Spirit "jump in" with you. When this happens, you should feel free to pray additional thoughts that the Spirit gives you to pray for that person. You can even intermingle praying in tongues with these prayers. (As a matter of fact, these prayers are probably Paul's interpretations of the prayers he prayed in tongues for these people.) Allow these prayers to be a launching pad of your intercession for others and even for yourself.

Want to know a secret? I have discovered that as I pray these prayers for other people, allowing my heart to pray fervently, I myself experience an incredible byproduct. Reams of revelation flood my own soul and the Spirit makes His presence real to me! Remember... when Job prayed for his friends, God turned around Job's own situation!

Below are the most powerful prayers in the universe. I have taken the liberty to convert them to fill in the blank for your praying convenience. I had to take a little extra paraphrase liberty on only really one of them: The first part of Acts Chapter Four (to make it applicable to our modern culture). Otherwise you will find these prayers almost exactly word for word from the scripture except for the "fill in the blanks."

Ephesians Chapter One

I will not stop giving thanks to You, Lord, for _____, remembering _____ in my prayers. I keep asking that You, God of our Lord Jesus Christ, glorious Father, may give _____ the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that _____ may know You better. I pray also that the eyes of _____'s heart may be enlightened in order that _____ may know the hope to which You have called _____, the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints belonging to _____, and Your incomparably great power for _____ who believes. That power is like the working of Your mighty strength, which You exerted in Christ when You raised him from the dead and seated him at Your right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority in _____'s life, above all power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God you have placed all things in _____'s life under Jesus' feet and appointed Jesus to be head over everything for _____ and the church, which is Your body, the fulness of Christ who fills everything in every way. In Jesus Name! (Ephesians 1:15-23, NIV).

Colossians Chapter One

For this reason, since the day I heard about _____, I do not stop praying for _____ and asking You, God, to fill _____ with the knowledge of Your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And I pray this in order that _____ may live a life worthy of You, Lord, and that _____ may please You, Lord, in every way: that _____ may bear fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, and that _____ may be strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might so that _____ may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to You, Father, because You have qualified _____ to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For You, O God, have rescued _____ from the dominion of darkness and brought _____ into the kingdom of the Son You love, in whom _____ has redemption, the forgiveness of sins. In Jesus Name! (Colossians 1:9-14, NIV).

First Corinthians Chapter One

I always thank You, God, for _____ because of Your grace which is given to _____ in Christ Jesus. For I decree that in Christ, _____ has been enriched in every way-- in all of _____'s speaking and in all of _____'s knowledge-- because the testimony about Christ is being confirmed in _____. Therefore I declare that _____ does not lack any spiritual gift as _____ eagerly waits for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. Lord, You will keep _____ strong to the end, so that _____ will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, You who have called _____ into fellowship with Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, You are faithful on _____'s behalf. In Jesus Name! (1 Corinthians 1:4-9, NIV).

Philippians Chapter One

I thank You, my God, every time I remember _____. In all my prayers for _____, I always pray with joy because of _____'s partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that You, O Lord, who began a good work in _____ will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ...And this is my prayer: that _____'s love may overflow more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that _____ may be able to discern what is best and that _____ may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. Father, fill _____ with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of God. In Jesus Name! (Philippians 1:3-11, NIV).

THOUGHT: The highest act of love and self-sacrifice that a Christian can render is to lay down his or her life in sincere prayer for another. John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

2 Thessalonians Chapter One

With this in mind, I constantly pray for _____, that You, God, may count _____ worthy of their calling, and that by Your power You may fulfil every good purpose of _____ and every act prompted by _____'s faith. Father, I pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in _____, and _____ will be glorified in the Lord Jesus, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus Name! (2 Thessalonians 1:11,12, NIV).

Philemon Chapter One

I always thank You, my God, as I remember _____ in my prayers, because I hear about his or her faith in the Lord Jesus and his love for all the saints. I pray that _____ may be active in sharing his faith, so that _____ will have a full understanding of every good thing that he has in Christ. In Jesus Name! (Philemon 1:4-6, NIV).

Third John Chapter One

Father, I pray for my dear friend _____. I pray that _____ may enjoy good health and that all may go well with _____, even as _____'s soul is getting along well. In Jesus Name! (3 John 1:2, NIV).

Other New Testament Prayers

(Most of them also by Paul)

Ephesians Chapter Three

For this reason I kneel before You, Father, from whom Your whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of Your glorious riches You may strengthen _____ with power through Your Spirit in _____'s inner being, so that Christ may dwell in _____'s heart through faith. And I pray, Father God, that _____ will be rooted and established in Your love, that _____ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ for _____, and that _____ may know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that _____ may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to You, O Lord, who are able to do immeasurably more for _____ than all that I ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within _____, to You be glory in _____, and in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. In Jesus Name! (Ephesians 3:14-21, NIV).

Thought: Our only defense for the daily rush is a morning hush...with God. Choose the hush; not the rush! Ps 5:3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct [my prayer] unto thee, and will look up.

1 Thessalonians Chapter Three

Lord, make _____'s love increase and overflow for his or her fellowsaints and family and for everyone else, just as my love does for _____. Strengthen _____'s heart so that _____ will be blameless and holy in the presence of You, Father God, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. In Jesus Name! (1 Thessalonians 3:12,13, NIV).

1 Thessalonians Chapter Five

I pray that You God, Yourself, the God of peace, may sanctify _____ through and through. I pray that _____'s whole spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, You are the One who is calling _____ and You will be faithful to do it. In Jesus Name! (1 Thessalonians 5:23,24, NIV).

1 Timothy Chapter Two

First of all, Father, I make requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving for everyone (Those under my care, or my downlines: Lord, for my children _____, those under my care at church _____, those under my care at work _____). Father I also pray for kings and all those in authority (My Pastor _____, President _____, Governor _____, Congressman _____, Senators _____ and _____, my Supervisors or uplines at work _____, my husband/wife _____, that each of them I've mentioned, Lord, may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases You, God our Saviour, for You want them. And I pray that all these men and women I've mentioned to You will be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time. In Jesus Name! (1 Timothy 2:1-6, NIV).

THOUGHT: If every believer everywhere in the world would merely accept personal responsibility for regularly praying for all their own UPLINES of authority (in just their own family, in just their own church, in just their own company or career) -AND- all the DOWNLINES of people under their own care (in just their own family, in just their own church, in their own company or career)... EVERY PERSON born onto planet earth would be receiving prayer and be mentioned by name before God. Wow! Downlines Responsibility: 1Sa 12:23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way. Uplines Responsibility: 1 Tim 2:1,2 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority.

New Testament Prayers For Ministers

(Most of them also by Paul)

(Pray these prayers for your pastor or a man or woman of God)

Acts Chapter Four

Lord, since I have heard the report about the anointing and the struggles of the ministry of _____, I raise my voice to You in prayer, O God. Sovereign Lord, You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One." Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in the city of Jerusalem to conspire against Your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider the needs of this city also and the threats against the anointed ministry of _____ and enable Your servant _____ to speak Your word with great boldness. Stretch out Your hand through _____ to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus. In Jesus Name! (Acts 4:24-30, NIV).

Romans Chapter Fifteen

By my Lord Jesus Christ and by my love for the Spirit, I join the ministry of _____ in his or her struggle by praying to You, O God for _____. Father, I pray that _____ may be rescued from any unbelievers wherever he goes and that _____'s service in in this city(ies) may be acceptable to the saints in this place(s), so that by God's will, _____ may come again to me with joy and together, we will both be refreshed. In Jesus Name! (Romans 15:30-32, NIV).

Ephesians Chapter Six

(Father, putting on the whole armor of God) I pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, I'll stay alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. I pray also for the ministry of _____, that whenever _____ opens his mouth, words may be given to _____ so that he or she will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which _____ is an ambassador in chains (to the will of God). I pray, Father, that _____ may declare the Word of God fearlessly, as he should. In Jesus Name! (Ephesians 6:18-20, NIV).

Thought: To Pray Or To Be Preyed Upon...That Is The Question! Mr 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly [is] ready, but the flesh [is] weak.

Colossians Chapter Four

Father, I devote myself to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And I pray for the ministry of _____, too, that God may open a door for _____'s message, so that _____ may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which he is in chains (to his or her calling). In Jesus Name! (Colossians 4:2,3, NIV).

1 Thessalonians 3:9-11

God, I can't thank You enough in return for all the joy I have in Your presence because of _____. Night and day I pray most earnestly that _____ may see me again and supply what is lacking in my faith. Now may You, God, and My Father and my Lord Jesus clear the way for _____ to come to me. In Jesus Name! (1 Thessalonians 3:9-11, NIV).

2 Thessalonians Chapter 3

I pray for the ministry of _____, that the message of the Lord through _____ may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it has been with me. And I pray that _____ may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. In Jesus Name! (2 Thessalonians 3:1,2, NIV).

Hebrews Chapter Thirteen

I pray for the ministry of _____, that he or she keep a clear conscience and that they desire to live honourably in every way. Father, I pray that You restore _____ to me so that I can enjoy his ministry again. In Jesus Name! (Hebrews 13:18,19, NIV).

Thought: The love and compassion that you feel when you pray for others can easily grow into a healthy addiction for intercessory prayer. You end up having to have a daily fix of fixing other people's problems through prayer! 1Co 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and [that] they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

Thought: There's only one way to change those people in your life who are causing you such trouble and pain: Steal away to your secret place and soak that person in scriptural intercessory prayer day after day for several weeks. Change them, God will! Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard [it], do not cease to pray for you.