

Prayers of Intercession and Areas We Are Commanded to Pray

Do you want to pray, but don't know where to start? Do you have a heart for intercession, for praying for others, but want your prayers to be based in scripture? The following information provides prayers straight from God's Word. You can look up the references yourself and also read scripture already printed for you.

Prayers of Intercession and Commands to Pray

1. Christ set an example of. Lu 22:32; 23:34; Joh 17:9-24.
2. Commanded. 1Ti 2:1; Jas 5:14,16.
3. Should be offered up for
 - a. Kings. 1Ti 2:2.
 - b. All in authority. 1Ti 2:2.
 - c. Ministers. 2Co 1:11; Php 1:19.
 - d. The Church. Ps 122:6; Isa 62:6,7.
 - e. All saints. Eph 6:18.
 - f. All men. 1Ti 2:1.
 - g. Masters. Ge 24:12-14.
 - h. Servants. Lu 7:2,3.
 - i. Children. Ge 17:18; Mt 15:22.
 - j. Friends. Job 42:8.
 - k. Fellow-countrymen. Ro 10:1.
 - l. The sick. Jas 5:14.
 - m. Persecutors. Mt 5:44.
 - n. Enemies among whom we dwell. Jer 29:7.
 - o. Those who envy us. Nu 12:13.
 - p. Those who forsake us. 2Ti 4:16.
 - q. Those who murmur against God. Nu 11:1,2; 14:13,19.
4. By ministers for their people. Eph 1:16; 3:14-19; Php 1:4.
5. Encouragement to. Jas 5:16; 1Jo 5:16.
6. Beneficial to the offerer. Job 42:10.
7. Sin of neglecting. 1Sa 12:23.
8. Seek an interest in. 1Sa 12:19; Heb 13:18.
9. Unavailing for the obstinately-impenitent. Jer 7:13-16; 14:10,11.
10. Exemplified
 - a. Abraham. Ge 18:23-32.
 - b. Abraham's servant. Ge 24:12-14.
 - c. Moses. Ex 8:12; 32:11-13.
 - d. Samuel. 1Sa 7:5.
 - e. Solomon. 1Ki 8:30-36.
 - f. Elisha. 2Ki 4:33.
 - g. Hezekiah. 2Ch 30:18.
 - h. Isaiah. 2Ch 32:20.
 - i. Nehemiah. Ne 1:4-11.
 - j. David. Ps 25:22.
 - k. Ezekiel. Eze 9:8.

- l. Daniel. Da 9:3-19.
- m. Stephen. Ac 7:60.
- n. Peter and John. Ac 8:15.
- o. Church of Jerusalem. Ac 12:5.
- p. Paul. Col 1:9-12; 2Th 1:11.
- q. Epaphras. Col 4:12.
- r. Philemon. Phm 1:22.

Prayers for Intercession

1 Timothy 2:2 (NASB95)

²for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

Psalms 122:6 (NASB95)

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Ephesians 6:18 (NASB95)

¹⁸With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

1 Timothy 2:1 (NASB95)

¹First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

Matthew 5:44 (NASB95)

⁴⁴"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Luke 6:28 (NASB95)

²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

James 5:16 (NASB95)

¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Ezra 6:8-10 (NASB95)

⁸"Moreover, I issue a decree concerning what you are to do for these elders of Judah in the rebuilding of this house of God: the full cost is to be paid to these people from the royal treasury out of the taxes of *the provinces* beyond the River, and that without delay. ⁹"Whatever is needed, both young bulls, rams, and lambs for a burnt offering to the God of heaven, and wheat, salt, wine and anointing oil, as the priests in Jerusalem request, *it* is to be given to them daily without fail, ¹⁰that they may offer acceptable sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

Jeremiah 29:7 (NASB95)

⁷'Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

1 Timothy 2:8 (NASB95)

⁸Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

Examples of Areas We Are Commanded to Pray for :

1 Chronicles 16:11 (NASB95)

¹¹Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.

Isaiah 55:6 (NASB95)

⁶Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.

Matthew 6:6 (NASB95)

⁶'But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Luke 18:1 (NASB95)

¹Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Colossians 4:2 (NASB95)

²Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NASB95)

¹⁷pray without ceasing;

1 Timothy 2:8 (NASB95)

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