

# **PRAYER GUIDE** from *Changed Through Faith* by Brian Goslee

## **REFLECTIONS ON HOW TO PRAY**

We are to pray as if we understand the power of whom we're praying to; praying in a way that is deeper, richer, and pours out much more of ourselves. Take time not only to talk to God, but to truly listen to Him. Talk with God in a way you would with anyone else that you love and respect tremendously!

In different seasons of my life, I have sensed the Holy Spirit teaching me how to pray. The Holy Spirit reminds me to pray boldly, richly, and expectantly—with a full measure of faith. In other words, put my faith into action.

PRAYER TIPS: Try structuring your prayer time as follows:

- Thank God for something specific
- Repent of your sins and ask forgiveness
- Pray for someone else
- Pray for yourself and your family
- Listen for two to five minutes—quiet your mind and try to hear God in your spirit

### **BELIEVER'S PRAYER of SALVATION**

If you do not yet believe in God and confess Jesus Christ as the Savior of your life, I invite you to do so right now.

Pray this prayer:

Dear God, I need to admit that I have sinned against You and I need a Savior. I believe that Savior is Jesus Christ, Your son, who came to earth, died on a cross for my sins, and on the third day rose from the dead. I choose to believe in Jesus as my Lord and follow You all the days of my life. Amen.

Congratulations! If you just prayed that prayer to accept Jesus as your Savior for the first time and believed it in your heart, I encourage you to reach out to a Christian friend, local church, or us to talk about your decision to follow Christ so that you can be equipped with some next steps! You can reach me at <u>ctfaith.com.</u>

### PRAYER TO RECOMMIT TO GOD

Do you already believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Are you living it out? Do you need a *refresher* or a *boost* in your belief?

I invite you to pray this prayer and visit ctfaith.com for some biblically-based next steps of refreshment.

Lord, I believe in You and I love You. I have sinned against you and I turn from that sin and back toward You. Please forgive me. I recommit my life to You as Lord of my life and I want to follow You all my days through my relationship with Jesus Christ, Your Son.

#### PRAYER TO START YOUR DAY

Start each day with the prayer below, or a similar prayer of belief, surrender, and praise. (Suggestion: Post it somewhere you will see it, like your closet wall, bedroom wall, refrigerator, etc.)

Lord, I pray as the man who brought his son to you for healing,

"I believe; help my unbelief!"

I believe you are the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving Creator of the universe and the Lord of my life. I believe in your Word.

I believe in you as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. I repent of my sinful ways and accept Jesus as my Savior every day. Through Jesus, I believe I have a personal relationship with God and am His fully-adopted son or daughter. Help me walk forth boldly in this belief every day. Amen.

### REFLECTIONS ON PRAYING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

- To pray in the name of Jesus means to pray, "*God, your will be done*" and to mean it, regardless of the consequences, regardless of whether it matches up with what you want in your flesh, in your life, or in this culture.
- To pray in the name of Jesus means to believe what God tells you, even before seeing physical evidence that what He told you comes to fruition.
- Praying in the name of Jesus means believing in, and relying on, the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Praying in the name of Jesus, means worshiping Him, thanking Him, and experiencing His peace and joy, regardless of our circumstances.
- Praying in the name of Jesus means pouring out our heart to Him, praying fervently, honestly, and expectantly.

#### PRAYER ABOUT PURPOSE

Lord, I want to understand my role in Your plan with absolute clarity and understanding that can only come from You. I want to fulfill that role to Your glory, with absolute faith, and with love and boldness. Amen.

PRAYER ABOUT PROVISION You are my God

Fear is not my God Safety is not my God Comfort is not my God Paycheck is not my God Approval of others is not my God

You, heavenly Father, are my God You supply all my needs You love me forever! Amen.

#### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You live inside of me.

Let Your wisdom take over in place of my thinking. Let Your Spirit of faith and boldness replace my spirit of fear and insecurity.

Do a work in me that gives me hope in Jesus for Jesus, not for blessings.

I pray for faith and peace instead of fear in finances. I pray for hope and freedom instead of frustration over vocation. I pray for waiting on the waters to part in Your timing.

I surrender ALL of this, ALL I have, and ALL I am into Your hands. Amen.

#### PRAYER ABOUT VICTORY

Nothing that stands against me shall prosper. I shall be victorious in Him, and through Him alone that died for my sins and on the third day conquered death itself! Thank you, Jesus, for overcoming the world. I place my trust in You. Amen.

## LIST OF ANSWERED PRAYERS

It is important that we not only challenge our circumstances with the promises of God and pray about them, but that we identify and give thanks when we recognize God at work in the midst of our lives. God hears your prayers and He cares about you and loves you.

Start a separate list of the ways you see God at work in your life or the lives of those around you. Consider this a list of answered prayers.

Even if there is nothing on it yet, have faith and *believe and expect* it will grow.

As you see God at work, add to it. As you pray and see prayers answered, add to it. Share these answered prayers with others. It will build their belief too!

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