

VICTORY COMMUNITY CHURCH

A CALL TO
Prayer

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*All scripture is NKJV unless noted.

The book of Philippians is written to the church at Philippi. You may remember this is where the apostle Paul had once been beaten and imprisoned. He tells the believers there not to worry or to be anxious about anything. Instead, he instructs them they should pray for God's blessing and make supplication and by the way, to do it with thanksgiving.

When faced with the fear of the unknown, turning to an all-knowing God is a good place to start. For people of faith, we know that God answers prayers. James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

To quote the late Dr. Billy Graham, "We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving. We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud. We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting. We are to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient."

I believe that prayer is essential for this season that we are currently in. We need a movement of God now more than ever. However, God is limited to our prayers and He needs us to pray and to come in agreement with His Word so that He can move on the earth.

I am asking you to make prayer a priority. There is power when we pray together. When people come together and pray, God can move mightily.

How can we pray together?

By coming into agreement with His Word, praying the will of God and the plan of God together. Let's take a stand in faith against the Coronavirus.

We release our faith for wisdom, health, provision, protection, and freedom from fear. First John 5:4 tells us, "For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."

We are not just agreeing together. We are agreeing with God our Father and the Lord Jesus Himself. When we pray the prayer of agreement, we agree together on the Word of God, not the problem. Too many people when they pray are focused on the problems. As believers, we must focus on the answers that come from God's Word. We pray the Word of God and agree with it and it shall come to pass.

Scriptures that we can base our prayers on:

Matthew 18:18-20 - "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

John 15:7 - If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Mark 11:24 - Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Isa 54:17- No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.

2 Cor 10:4-6 - 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Praying for the protection of your family

Psalm 91

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the [a]fowler And from the perilous pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,

6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

8 Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

10 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you keep you in all your ways.

12 In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation."

Praying for health and healing

Psalm 103:1-5

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

4 Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

Praying for provision

Philippians 4:19 - And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Praying against fear

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Prayers for government and leaders

1 Timothy 2:1-3

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Praying for a worldwide spiritual awakening

2 Chronicles 7:14 - if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Psalms 80:18-19

18 Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Let's be diligent to pray as a church and believe that God will move on the earth today.

James 5:16 - The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. AMP

