

MODEL PRAYERS

From Pastor Emeritus Jay Abramson



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Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Someone Who Is Suffering

Lord Jesus, when you came to this earth, You were *"a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."* (Isaiah 53:3) My friend _____ is now experiencing sorrow and suffering. Dear Jesus, please help _____. Please comfort them. Please make your presence known to them right now. Please, if it be your will, heal them. Please show me how I can be a comfort to them today. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment to Maturity in Christ

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Please enable me to recognize and then take the steps necessary for me to keep growing toward maturity in You. I want to experience the satisfaction of both serving and being served as a committed member of this Your family. So, I make this commitment: As You show me a class, a small group, a ministry -- any place where I could use my gifts -- I will not step back. I will step forward and say along with the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I! Send me." Amen.

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Prayer for God’s Will to be Done in our World

Father God, we come to You in the name of your Son, Jesus. We acknowledge that You are not only the Creator of this world, but also the Sustainer. However, our world today seems to be dissolving, diverting from Your perfect plan. Just as your Son Jesus predicted, we see wars and rumors of wars, famines, pandemics, increasing lawlessness, and the love of many growing cold. It’s all very frightening. But You, Father, also said through the prophet Isaiah: *“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* (Isaiah. 41:10) Above all, more than our own safety, we want your will to be done. May it be done now *“on earth as it is in heaven.”* And may our lives contribute to Your will, no matter the cost, as your Spirit enables us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Jesus, Father God, Holy Spirit; we have so much for which to thank You! Here is my list ...(creation, family, work, healing, protection, provision, His Word, His love, His forgiveness, His salvation, His Spirit to help and guide us, His promise of a future with Him ... what else?)
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