

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Thankfulness for Discerning Signs of God's Grace
2 Thessalonians 1:3-4**

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure

Father, I thank you for signs of your grace working in the life of _____.

I thank you for evidence of your Spirit moving and drawing—Lord for the ability to see your hand at work.

I thank you that you are always @ work.. perfectly molding _____ life, working for your good pleasure.

I thank you that I see where both the north wind of adversity and the south wind of blessing are perfectly blending to produce the exact circumstances in _____ that will produce love and abandonment.

Thank you Father for abounding love and growing faith... that _____ is moving forward and closer to you.

Thank you Father that _____ is responding to your wooing in their life... your drawing.. your divine fragrance.

Thank you that even now you are revealing your love to them... drawing them to even greater commitment and devotion to you.

Let it be so!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving***Thankfulness for God's Sovereignty and Certainty of Earthly Victory
2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

Which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Father I thank you that you deal with injustice—fully—at the revealing of your Son, the Messiah, Yeshua. He will bring justice to the nations of the earth and establish your kingdom—a kingdom of righteousness, mercy, truth, and justice.

Thank you Father that you do not ignore the plight of those oppressed by sin or injustice on earth. Thank you that you answered the oppressions of sin by pouring out your justice on your Son Jesus.. on the tree of calvary.. at His first coming. Thank you that you will answer finally the issue of sin and injustice in the earth.. at His second coming.

Thank you Father that you will vindicate your people... you are the King of the earth... the ruler of the nations. You will bring retribution for those who are rebellious to you.

LORD you are just—and You will judge FULLY and JUSTLY!

Thank you for the vengeance that the Lord Yeshua will bring with Him.. with His mighty angels.. on the day that we are rescued.. on the day that we are glorified among the nations.. on the day that our time of injustice on the earth ends.

Thank you Lord for the promise of your coming, the revealing of us as your inheritance, the revealing of your glory and power. Thank you for your sovereign power—with which you will reign!

_____ will have ultimate victory in Jesus. Thank you for those who will believe our testimony! COME LORD JESUS! COME!

*Prayer of Devotion***A longing to see the God of Beauty****Job 42:3-6; Psalms 27:4; Revelation 1:6**

You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.' "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself. And repent in dust and ashes."

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Father, I pray that I would see you in your beauty and majesty. I pray that you would touch my heart with fragments of divine information concerning the beauty of your Son. Holy Spirit, reveal the glorious splendor of Jesus' personality and emotions.. Reveal the depths of the knowledge of Your wisdom to my heart.

I ask that I would see you with KNOWLEDGE... that I would not speak things that are beyond me. O Lord, I have heard of you with the hearing of the ears, but now Father I WANT to see you! In your beauty, majesty, and consuming passion! I cannot live without divine fascination in my heart... without divine revelation of your beauty. This is what you made me for Father... to reveal your beauty to me!

You are the ONE to be desired above ALL ELSE and the consuming passion of my life. Draw me Lord in intimate worship and devotion, and cause me to run after you in anointed ministry. Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His WORD, Father. Let my heart know the love that surpasses all knowledge... the revelation of the Bridegroom that loves us and gave Himself for us.. washing me in His own blood. Love so strong that I would be a priest and king.. cleansed and qualified to be your child and work in your kingdom.

Reveal to me the fire that burns in your heart O God.. burning passion for me that would cause YOU to leave glory and forsake divine rights to become a humble servant and be crushed by the wrath of God, in my place. O the depth of your love... O the depth of your passion for me.. O the depth of your love for human beings and your desire for them.. O the depth of the joy you have in your saints. Fill my mind and heart with these emotions heavenly Bridegroom.

Fascinate me Lord with your beauty, power, and majesty.

Let it be so!

Apostolic Intercessory Prayer

Impartation of God's Beauty to the Redeemed, Empowered by a New Identity, for Burning Shining Lamps

Prayer for Release of Watchman on the Walls—Empowered in Love**Isaiah 62:1-7; Song of Songs 8:6-7**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God. You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you. I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

Father, for the sake of your people, for the sake of Zion, I cry to you. Release the power of a new name to your people—a new identity in you. Release the vision to our hearts that we are a bride—longingly desired by you. Give your people a vision that they are a crowned jewel in your hand—precious, cherished, chosen, purchased.

Open the eyes of our heart to see that you are a God who rejoices over us—as a Bridegroom rejoices over His Bride! Release the vision to your people that we are beautiful and lovely in your eyes—with no spot—because of the finished work of the cross. Wash your people Zion with a new identity—desired by you! Release the reality of your pleasure over us—even in our weakness.

Father, fill our hearts with the overwhelming power of your emotions toward us—let the fire of your love melt us, mold us, move us to seek you and love you back in passionate pursuit. Open the eyes of our hearts—to let us see that we are no longer Forsaken or Desolate—yet we are Desired, Beautiful and Fruitful!

Set watchman on the walls Father...to cry day and night... let us give you no rest. Release the watchmen, Father, to cry day and night, to proclaim your purposes, to ask for the release of your glory. We will give you no rest, Sovereign God, Majestic King. Till you make your people a burning, shining lamp. Till our righteousness and salvation goes forth in power and love. Impart divine fire, divine life into the hearts of your people – that the nations will see our righteousness – that kings will see your glory.

Set the seal of fire on our hearts—stronger than death O Lord. Be the seal of fire on our hearts—that we would see you as our Bridegroom King—ravished by your beauty—possessed by your purposes—passionate for your glory. O Father of Glory, release your glory today!

Apostolic Intercessory Prayer

Prayer to be equipped and prepared to receive the fullness of God's destiny for the church.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, I constantly pray that you would make your Church worthy of your calling, knowing that we are called, justified, and sanctified by a very costly grace and the overabundance of Your mercy. It was by Your work, Your outstretched hands and arms, and Your initiative that we stand in this grace—not by our own works or by our own merits. Now Father, founded on the certainty of Your righteousness and Your salvation, we pray boldly for fullness of grace and maturity leading your people onward to the high calling you have placed before them. Lead us to become what we are not and can never be without you—holy, pure, blameless, and worthy of this calling.

Call your Church to proclaim the glorious praises of You who brought us out of darkness. Today, make us by your precious promise overcomers of the world, the devil, and our flesh. Let us truly walk in the light of your glory, being disciples and being discipled, so that we would truly be worthy of the grace you have poured out on us so freely. Let us walk with eternity clearly in mind and the coming of your judgments upon the earth O Lord.

As You work within your Church, Father, move us to walk in Holy Spirit anointed acts of works and service. Lead us into the pathway of humility, loving one another, holding fervently this fire of compassion for our brothers and sisters and for the lost. Lead us to acts of good, faith-prompted works and purposes—to be your arms, hands, ears, eyes, and body on this Earth. Fulfill all these good purposes that you plant into our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us come short Lord in no good work—fulfill your works in us Father... so that the name of our Lord Jesus—the Messiah—may be glorified. He in us and we in Him. Glorify your Son and glorify the Body that bears His name. Glorify Him in the nations and glorify Him through us—your people.

Let it be so!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Realization of God's View of His People: A Deep Concern for their Growth in the Lord

1 Thessalonians 2:17-19; 3:1-10

But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. Therefore we wanted to come to you--even I, Paul, time and again--but Satan hindered us. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy. Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith, that no one should be shaken by these afflictions: for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain. But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you-- therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith. For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

Father, thank you that you have such intense longing for your people... the saints... the Church. Thank you for your intense passion and desire for us—that you would come down to us as a humble servant—disrobed of your Majestic power and concealing the very divinity of your nature.

Father we thank you that you desire to help us, nurture us, feed us, stabilize us, establish us on a firm foundation, make us immovable by events around us, and that you are so *more* devoted and committed to us than we are to you. How awesome are you Lord in your ways and your love toward us. Many are your thoughts toward us—and precious concerning us.

Though satan attempts to stop this flow of revelation concerning us—yet we are your hope, your joy, your crown of victory in this wicked cruel world. We stand as trophies of your love, Father, crowned as the dust of the earth with the very majesty and glory that you alone possess. Who are we that you are mindful of us, Father? Who are you that we should be on your mind at all? What great love have you shown us—that we should be the object of such intense emotions and pleasure? Who would have known that we could be so cleansed, so reconciled, so made whole, so purified, so bought back that we would voluntarily say yes to you? Who would have thought that we should have such value in your eyes? That the very universe in all its splendor was made for us?

Thank you Father for evidence of faith and love at work in us. Thank you that we have such pleasant memories of you and your workings in our life—that your banner over us is love! Thank you that you share the longings of your heart with us—desiring us to be yours and yours alone. For you live Father to see us standing in you..firm and unshakeable to the end. What joy we bring to you when we stand in you Father.. in the midst of persecution, doubt, fear, and distress. Firm to the end! Supply what is lacking in our faith O Lord... bind and restore us... so we may stand.

Apostolic Intercessory Prayer

Prayer for release of apostolic ministry -- to be strengthened by divine love—for holiness and passionate pursuit

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Deeply enmesh us Father—in the lives of real people—your Church. Make us people of passion Father—as you are a jealous, passionate God. Passion for You! Passion for the lost! Passion for the poor! Passion for your Church! Passion for the needy! Passion for the sick! Passion for the oppressed! Passion for the bound! Passion for the destitute and abandoned! Release the apostolic calling to GO! GO! GO! Release your apostles to GO Father!

Give your people a vision for service, Father. Give your Church a vision of Rebekah... a Bride who served without thought of reward, who showed great humility in submission, who went without knowing where she was going, on a journey to meet the One to whom she was betrothed. Show us how we can be most useful Father—how we can walk in your giftings and callings. Remove far from your people Lord an identity in you that is rooted in what we do for you in professional and public ministry. Remove far from us Lord the thought that ministry is an end in itself. Call your Church to remember that love of people is the fire that moves your heart. Call your Church to see their role in loving with great passion and fervency—covering over a multitude of sins. Call your Church to a laid down and crucified life—fully possessed of you and lived for your glory and your purposes!

We thank you Father for your grace at work in your Church—supplying every need and every area that lacks with overcoming grace. Enlarge our capacity for love, Father. Enlarge the borders of our tents—so that we cover the sins of the weak and lead them to living waters of repentance. Let love in your people increase and overflow—radical and unmeasurable in quality and quantity. Release love—mature, unqualified, and deep.

Strengthen your Church—in the inner emotions and thoughts—to walk in holy love and purity. Strengthen our allegiance and resolve to follow your Son—and all your ways. Strengthen us that we might be unashamed on the day of your coming! Amen.

Apostolic Intercessory Prayer

Prayer to know God's will, to be fruitful in ministry and strengthened by intimacy with God

Philippians 1:9-11

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Though we do not know them all personally Father, we lift up prayers today for your Church, your people, knowing that You are at work in them today. You are at work producing faith, multiplying fruit, and releasing gifts.. to glorify your Son, Yeshua, the Messiah. We pray Father, again and again, continually and without stopping, for you to fill your Church with wisdom and understanding of your will. Show your people that your will is good, perfect, and acceptable... grant unction on your Word to renew their minds to this reality. We ask you, Father, not out of a sense of urgent need in calamity, but for a continued, daily, and constant supply and measure of Your Spirit—given to your Church to lead them into lives of worthiness.. lives that are lived for You.. lives poured out in devotion...lives spent on others...lives perfumed with prayer and incense.

Teach your Church to DO your will Father... let your Good Spirit lead us on level ground. Let us test and approve your will.. as obedient children... obeying from the heart. Sanctify your Church and release continual joy and thankfulness in ALL circumstance. Give us sanctified minds, sanctified thoughts, sanctified acts of kindness, and sanctified hearts of gratitude today. Help your people to KNOW how to LIVE in this world—a world of compromise, paganism, syncretism, pluralism, and idolatry. Give us power and strength to withstand the pressures of our culture and bring our hearts and minds into the conformity of Your will.

Make your Church people of Your Word and people of prayer... that we live fully pleasing to you... fruitful in every good work of faith... producing lasting and sure spiritual fruit for your Kingdom. Let us live lives worthy of the Lord Jesus...a reflection of Him in this world. Lead your Church to abiding intimacy... to sustain a life of fruitful giving, service, and work. Let us bear fruit as we abide in our Lord... as His life abides in His us... as His words abide in us. Release the spirit of devotion to your Church.

So fill our minds with a knowledge of You Father..growth in our knowledge of what you look like. The God of Passionate Beauty.. the God of Consuming Fire and Jealousy for us! Lead us to intimate and passionate pursuit Father. Fill our hearts with the intimate kisses of your Word.. filling our minds and illuminating our hearts. Strengthen your people to display great endurance and patience... give us the fellowship of Jesus suffering and His endurance with joy. Satisfy the deepest needs of your Church.. for a Savior.. salvation from ourselves, our sin, and our self-righteousness. We joyfully give you thanks for all these...

Let it be so!

Apostolic Intercessory Prayer

Prayer to know God's will, to be fruitful in ministry and strengthened by intimacy with God

Colossians 1:9-11

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

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Joyful thanks to the God who redeemed us, saved us, and called us to be intimate partners with His Son—His Inheritance

Colossians 1:12-14

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Father, we give you thanks today that you made us fit to share in the awesome inheritance that you have given your Son. Lord thank you for the inheritance that I have in you... as part of your people who walk in the light of this dark world. Order my steps rightly Lord to expose the works of darkness, to reprove them in my own life, and to help lead others out of darkness.

Father how can I repay the debt of love that was given for me... that I would be rescued from darkness and given full citizenship in the kingdom of light. Thank you for rescuing me from perversion and filth and a wasted life. Thank you for rescuing me from selfish lifestyles and selfish pursuits. Thank you for rescuing me from lust and uncleanness and greed and wrath and malice and all the works of darkness in my soul. Thank you that I have been so cleansed and so redeemed that you would dare call me to be an actual ambassador and legal representative of your kingdom on earth! Thank you that I have been clothed in robes of official power and majesty.. that come from the blazing purity and power of your Son. Thank you that I am a king and priest and that you have so reconciled me that I am actually part of the government of your Kingdom.

I owe no debt! I owe no master of sin! I am made a full and free citizen of your kingdom! I am absolutely clean, white, and forgiven! Thank you my Father for this great love.

Now Father give me a vision of the inheritance that I am to your Son. Give me thoughts and heart emotions that I might see the vision you have for my life... that one day you would present me to your Son as a Bridal partner. Give me the vision of His inheritance in me... that my life would be His! That I would see my life as His garden.. and not my own. Give me a vision for a life lived in pursuit of radical intimacy and abandonment to the Son of God.

Let it be so!

*Prayer of Devotion***A Cry for the Passion of the Bridegroom to Touch My Heart**

John 2:17 ; 2 Corinthians 3:18 ; Galatians 6:8

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life

Father, it is your Son that was consumed with Zeal for Your House. He was consumed with passion for you, for your kingdom, for your ways, and for your glory. Put within me this passion and this zeal for your House. Put within me this same passion that the Lord Jesus had for you and your House! Give me a vision for what you would do with my human heart. Give me a vision for your fullness touching my heart, reaching into the darkness of my mind and emotions and will, and transforming me into the very image of your Son.

Father, I cry for the passion of your Son to be put into my heart. I cry for the passion of Jesus to touch me and move me and mold me to your will. Place this zeal upon my life... that I would overturn all things that are not in accordance with your will. Fill me with a fiery jealousy for your house.. this temple..where your very glory dwells. Give me a passion and a zeal for this temple of praise... for myself and for your people.

Lord you have promised that as I behold you, even without feeling or without knowing it, you are working upon me to change me. You are changing my emotions and my heart. As I set my mind upon you, I know that I will be transformed into the very image of Yeshua... who is perfect and all wise and all knowing and full of love.

Father, fulfill your word that as I sow to the Spirit that I will in due time reap a harvest of righteousness. Father that zeal for your house would consume me and that I would reap life eternal as I set my mind upon you, daily. Fill my heart with this zeal... put within me this love that your Son has for you and your kingdom. Fill my heart with this fiery passion to love you and serve you and be your obedient child.

Let it be so!

*Apostolic Intercessory Prayer***Divine spiritual revelation of our destiny as the Bride unto mature fullness
Ephesians 1:15-21**

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

O Father... Creator of Beauty... the extravagant and radiant Father of the Bride and Bridegroom, we come to You asking that our faith would be heard among the heathen and the lost Father. Lord, release our faith so that it becomes a spoken word—let our faith and love be known to the point that it would be noised abroad and noised in the city. That God may give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Jesus. That the eyes of our heart may be enlightened, so that we may experience the fullness of God's calling and might, understand the fullness of the glory of the Father's inheritance in the entire church in our area. And that we might experience the surpassing greatness of God's power in our lives and ministries.

The Father of glory give to you
 The Desire of all nations
 Creator of Beauty
 Extravagant
 Radiant
 Father of the bride
 Father of the Bridegroom
 Ever increasing
 Send Your Spirit to Your bride
 Release the glory of Your Son to Your bride

*Apostolic Intercessory Prayer***A Vision for Fullness, might in our spirits, and a supernatural depth in love
Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Father – the Father of our Lord Yeshua – the Messiah. We bow before you, the king of the universe and the covenant keeping God. You are the Lord of Glory... You are the one who made man upon the earth, who established a righteous seed in the earth, and made covenant with us to establish your Kingdom in the midst of spiritual darkness and the fall. We call to you—bearing the name of your covenant family—partakers of grace by the faith of Abraham, benefactors of the seed of David, and partakers of fat of the Olive tree.. We are your family and we draw near to You as by One Spirit... sons and daughters of our King.

Father, your glory is great and above all the earth. The earth is full of the glory of the LORD. Grant your Church from the storehouse of your glory, from the overflow of your riches, from the wealth of your power and might, to be strengthened now by Your Spirit. Release your Spirit and His divine activity in our hearts and in our inner man. We pray for a Church whose spirits are touched and anointed with might—the very might of heaven and the very might of God. Let Your Son be birthed in us... formed in us... call your people to be an abiding and resting place for the very glory of your Son. Let us be transformed by the power of your abiding presence in our hearts. Release the activity of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as we behold and gaze intently on the very glory of your throne and splendor of your courts. Release the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with divine energy and power—power to walk in love, joy, righteousness, and peace. Call your church to walk out what you are working in us O Father. Plant within us the very divine energy and power of your Word. Release the abiding presence of Your Son within us...make your Church fruitful and bearing fruit in every good work and deed done in your name. Touch us Father with divine emotions... feelings of your burning, fiery, jealous love... love that know no bounds.. love that knows no end.

As Jesus dwells in our heart by faith, root us and ground us Father in LOVE.. Release comprehension of how wide and long and deep and high your LOVE is O God. O the vast love of God! Let us comprehend with others the vast ocean of your LOVE. We pray for a Church that is saturated in the knowledge of your LOVE. We ask for divine release of supernatural love... for the very fullness of God. Shed abroad your LOVE afresh and anew in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Give your Church a vision for fullness Father.. for spiritual depth and spiritual union with you... for the deep, deep love of the Bridegroom.. cherishing and nurturing His Bride. Release the nurturing and cherishing ministry of the Bridegroom to our hearts O LORD. Till we attain the fullness that You have destined for us. Seal our hearts in this LOVE and GRACE....

Let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Living your life with a vision of eternal evaluation****2 Corinthians 5:9-11**

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of the Messiah, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Father, help me to know your terror...help me to see the absolute finality and wisdom of your judgments. Help me Father to live a life well pleasing to you. Father, grant me to be filled with the awe and terror of your Majesty... let the very dread of You grip my heart.

Let me not live in fear that would cause me to shrink back or turn away from your Father. Let me be in fear that is based on Your love and Your absolute commitment to me—that you will never abandon me or leave me. Give me an AWE of your wonder and majesty... your marvelous glory... the very sense of Your awesome majesty. Let it seal my heart Father, that I may always walk in your ways and obey your Word.

Let the thought of standing before you one day my Lord cause LOVE to be birthed in my heart... love for your ways and love for you kingdom ... love for the lost and love for your people ... lead me Father to LOVE the things that you LOVE, to want the things that you WANT, to desire the things that you DESIRE, to hate the things that you HATE. Let my life be lived in this body for your glory, for your purpose, for your reward, for your pleasure.

Fill me O Lord with your very pleasure--- pleasure that you have when you think of me as an obedient child. Pleasure that you have even in my weakness and failures... let your emotions fill me and move me to live my life only for your enjoyment. Let me so be filled and consumed by your beauty and pleasure...let me drink from the very river of your pleasure and be filled with your awesome might.

Let your terror cause me to persuade men of your judgments and their need to be reconciled to you. Father, let the majesty of your glory fill me—the Spirit of the Fear and Awe of the LORD.

Let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Prayer to Be Rooted in a Bridal Identity and Have The Voice of God****John 1:22-23, Revelation 1:10, Revelation 19:6-7**

Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD," as the prophet Isaiah said." I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

Father, I pray to be filled with the knowledge of WHO you have made me to be. Lord, when I ask the question "Who am I?" that You would be the only true source of this answer. Let me see myself from your viewpoint Father... wash me and renew me in the identity I have in your Son Jesus.. the risen and living Son of God.. who sits at your right hand. My High Priest, My Advocate with You, that though I am weak I am lovely to you. Father, root me and ground me in an identity of love... that my strength before you is not how good or how bad I am doing right now in my struggle or victory over my flesh. Keep me from pride in my victory and success and from condemnation in my failure and shortcomings. Your banner over me is only love ... that I am successful because You love me and I love you. Let me see myself as a true and genuine lover, weak in my flesh, hopeless apart from your grace, but truly accepted in the Beloved. What do I say about myself? Lord that I am lover and I am loved.. nothing less and nothing more.

Father, as I walk this earth, I ask humbly that I would be a voice to this generation. A voice of hope to the outcast, a voice of reason to the deceived, a voice of rebuke to the religiously righteous, a voice of peace to those in strife, a voice of healing to the broken, voice of passion to the lukewarm, a voice of strength to the weak, a voice of proclamation to the directionless, a voice of vision for those who cannot see your glorious plan in our day. Use this vessel, use this mouth, use this heart, use these hands to proclaim Your Word.. grant understanding and a sharp two-edged sword that will pierce the hearts of men. Let my Words be your Words... put your very fire and grace upon them to sway men... to lift an impassioned cry in the wilderness of this earth. Let my words bear the authority and power of your throne and your nature... let them reflect your power, dignity, majesty, and justice.

Release the sound of your voice... release the sound of many waters... a voice that is rooted in reality in You. Let me partake of your heart and minister out of that overflow. Let your mercy and loving-kindness so fill my words and thoughts... let your Word come forth in Power and Love and divine energy of the Holy Spirit... to convict men of both your terror and awesome Love for them!

Let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Prayer for a Heart of Wisdom and an Awareness of our Earthly Time**

Psalms 90:12

So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Father, teach me to number the days of my life.. to know the course of my life.. to see its beginning and end. Help me to see that I am but a vapor and a mist... here today and gone tomorrow. Help me to see that I am here on earth only for just a mere moment in time... show me how eternity swallows up my life and my existence in this body so that it appears as but a speck of dust. Give me a heart to grasp and comprehend eternity.. its finality and its unending path. Give me eyes to see how brief and fleeting my course.. how my time is the most valuable thing you have given me.

Release to me Father a heart of wisdom... so that on that day I may not draw back in shame. When the Lord Yeshua appears in the clouds, on that day, that I will not shirk back or be caught unawares... Give me strength to run my course, to run this race, to find perseverance, to withstand persecution, to be strengthened by the blood of the lamb, to proclaim the testimony of Jesus, and to love not my life unto death. Give me endurance in this race... to see my life only in context of your awesome majesty and eternal existence. Help me to see my life and its brevity so that I may give to you a heart of wisdom on that day.

Father, help me to be a son of Wisdom... to pursue only things that are important.. that are birthed in your heart... that are conformed to your will. Help me to run this race and achieve what you have ordained for me... open my mind to see my course and my path.. open my mind and emotions to receive ONLY what you would give me. I want nothing more than your divine, perfect, and good will for my life. Help me to have wisdom in my time, my pursuits and my passions.. so that I do not waste my life in dissipation.. as though I spent it in drunkenness. Help me instead to live my life with passion for you and your purposes. Consumed only by your glory and your honor and your majesty. Give me this heart of wisdom Father.. to know the limits of my life and my course... to live every day in the NOW of your presence.

Let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Prayer for the Knowledge of God****Proverbs 2**

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight in the perversity of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, And who are devious in their paths; To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words, Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God. For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead; None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life-- So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep to the paths of righteousness. For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it; But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

Father, I receive your Word today and treasure your commands within my heart. Give me grace today Lord to walk according to your paths... narrow and straight. Give me grace to hear and receive and put into practice your Words of Life. Father, I incline my ear to wisdom today.. the Wisdom of heaven and Wisdom of grace.. that teaches me to deny ungodliness and turn away from evil.. that teaches me to live unselfish before you and to have an open heart. I apply my heart today to understand O Lord.. your ways, your will, your wisdom, your word. I cry out Father for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you.. the spirit of discernment... that I would know good and evil and that I would shun the evil and do the good. As a vast treasure that is untapped and undiscovered, show me the treasure of your Word and your ways. Father, help me to seek for divine wisdom in all my ways.. to search out your paths as a hidden treasure.

Father, I commit myself today to you ... to seek after you... whether I feel You or not. Whether I see any visible progress and have any hint of your activity, by the eyes of faith I know that you are always working... molding me.. perfecting me... turning all things of my life into your divine plan and purpose... that I know you are with me. As I set my heart today to receive your Word, to treasure your commands, to cry out for discernment, to seek for wisdom as silver, to lift my voice for understanding, to search for you as hidden treasure, NOW Father I ask that you would give unto me the very knowledge of you. NOW Father, I ask that you would grant me the fear of the LORD, that I would understand what it is to be in awe of you. Give to me the knowledge of God.. the knowledge of your heart.. the knowledge of your passion and your mind. Fill my emotions and thoughts with your emotions and thoughts. I set my mind today LORD to seek you, to pursue you, to run after you, to obey you.

Lord, let wisdom enter my heart and let knowledge be pleasant to my soul. I pray and ask you for the entrance of your Word.. the divine kiss upon your Word... in my heart, so that my emotions and feelings are changed. Let me hear from you what is knowledge and understanding ... let me see every good path laid before me. Release to me wisdom that you have stored up for your saints.. thank you for guarding my life, preserving my way, being my shield... as I am your set apart one and your upright child. Help me to understand righteousness and justice... to walk with equity and to choose EVERY good path. Thank your Father that discretion and understanding keep me from evil.. they deliver me from the way of evil.. from men who speak perverse things... from delighting in perversity. Help me to walk with a clean mind and pure thoughts... thank you for keeping me from the immoral woman and from those whose ways that are crooked. Thank you that I do not walk in devious paths or rejoice in doing evil. Father, grant me to walk in the paths of life.. to dwell in the land...and to remain blameless.

Let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Prayer to Dwell In the Presence of the LORD****Psalms 15**

LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change; He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? LORD, I desire to be a man who abides in Your presence. I come to you with a contrite heart and a teachable spirit Lord, asking for the ability to walk in your ways and understand your heart. Father, your presence is the most important thing in my life: it defines who I am and what I am worth. I am the object of your passion and desire and I want you to be the object of my passion and desire. I want to dwell in your presence and to walk in your manifest wisdom-listening for you voice of love and correction. Help me to be a man that dwells and abides in Your house... that dwells upon your holy hill. Father, until the dawn breaks, I will make my way to the mountain of myrrh. Let the perfume of your frankincense and myrrh be my ointment ... a precious spice that I seek. Lord, help me to walk your way... to live a life of self sacrifice that is poured out even unto death.

Father, help me to walk uprightly and be fully obedient in every way. Give grace and repentance in areas where I can't or don't want to change Father. Help me align my mind and my thoughts with your divine thoughts. Help me align my ways with your ways Father. Help me align my words with your words. Lead me into acts of righteousness that you have ordained and prepared for me... even before the foundation of the world. Show me where you are working Father and then show me how I am to partner with you.

Lord give me the ability to discern right from wrong... that by Your Word I may know the right so I can choose it and know the evil so I can shun it. Keep from self-deception and hidden sin Father. Set a seal and guard upon my tongue ... release the activity of your Spirit upon my heart so that every word I speak comes from your heart... to lift up, encourage, bind up, and gently lead others. Keep me from slander and backbiting Lord, from using my tongue to destroy people with words. Help me to keep my word Lord when I give it and not speak lies to others. Holy Spirit, empower me as a witness of the Lord Jesus and His saving grace... let His testimony come forth in power and conviction.

Father, give me courage and strength to stand against evil and against the actions of evil people. Give me grace to pray for those who persecute me and forgive those who wrong me. Father help me to honor your servants and to honor my fellow brothers and sisters in the LORD. Give me grace Lord to accept even those who are weak in the faith... and help me not to wound them without purposes that are found in your heart. Help me to despise the evil and vain talk of those who do not know you.

Lord, keep me pure in the area of money... give to me a generous heart and spirit... like you Father. Keep me from greed and covetousness and help me to see money as a tool for bringing the Gospel to others. Keep me from dishonest gain and help me to be a generous giver... who loans without interest and without expectation of return.

Let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Prayer for the Revelation of the Heavenly Bridegroom and His Fiery Love
Revelation 1; John 17:26; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10; Colossians 1:26-27**

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of His mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Father, I come asking that you would lift the veil from my eyes that I may see and know the glory, beauty, and power of your Son Jesus. You say that the deep things of God have been hidden for me, and not from me. You say Father that the very Spirit of God searches the deep truths, the deep wisdom, and the endless deep majesty of the person of Your Son, who is the greatest secret mystery of wisdom ever to be revealed. I ask that you would unveil the deep, deep, deep splendor and beauty of Your Son to my heart... give unto me the revelation of Jesus the Messiah. But God, you have revealed your deep wisdom, hidden in Messiah, to my heart. In spite of my ignorance, in spite of the weakness of my flesh, in spirit of my wavering, I cry out to you to be transformed in love... to be transformed by the revelation of the fiery emotions of the coming Bridegroom, King, and Judge: Jesus!

Show me what eyes have not seen nor ears have heard concerning the glory of your Son... show me the glory of His majesty and how You spared Him not and gave Him to us freely. Let your spirit reveal the things freely given to me, in my inheritance with Him. Show me the riches of your glory and the blessing of this revelation. As I hear, read, and keep the revelation You give me, Father I ask for the blessings of grace and its working in my heart to be released.

I want to be thrilled, marveled, and romanced in my heart by your passion and your glory. Show me the very Word of God, the testimony of your Son! I determine to not know anything Lord, except YOU! I determine to not know anything Father but Your Son, the great passion of His crucifixion, and the power of His resurrection. Release peace and grace to my heart so that I may behold this man! Show me the faithful witness, who loved not His own life even unto death. Show me the firstborn from the dead, who is one whose image I am being transformed into. Show me the ruler of the kings of the earth, and come rule in my heart, my life, my family, my work, my 'everything'. Show me the One who loved me and gave Himself for me. Show me how pure and white and spotless I am before You because of His blood. Show me how washed I am by the Spirit of God and wash me anew today in your holiness, passion, and life. Show me the One who is coming in the clouds, that all the tribes of the earth will mourn over. Show me the One whom I have pierced, with my own sins and shortcomings. Show me the One who is the beginning... the Author.. and the end.. the Finisher of my faith.

Father place His seal of fiery desire and love upon my heart. Put the love that you have for him into my heart. Jesus, declare and manifest the Name of Your Father to my heart... so that I may love you the same we he loves you! Allow me to see the One that me heart longs for and yearns for. Let the fire of His eyes and the brightness of His countenance fill every dark area of my heart. Let His fire burn in my. I come to you Lord, the source of passion and desire, and say 'here I am, an empty vessel'... FILL ME Lord! Let Jesus in Me... His glory and power and character in Me... let the greatness of this mystery be revealed to my heart. I want to know what is the greatness of this mystery.. All so that I may love you even more and burn with love's passion every day.

Let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Prayer to be Salt and Light to the Lost World****Matthew 5:13-16; Isaiah 62:1-2; Revelation 22:5; John 5:25**

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Father God, You have called me to be the salt of the earth. You have proclaimed over my life that by my presence on this earth, being in covenant with You, being a part of Your divine and royal family, I am the recipient of the greatest treasures of joy, peace, and righteousness. Father, You have declared over me that I am a preservative and a flavoring in the midst of the decay of this world. You have said that I am meant to be a seasoning with great flavor! Oh Father, help me to live a life that is flavored and seasoned by Your Holy Spirit... help me be to You the aroma of Your Son... help me to be an agent for good and one who stands against evil and wickedness. So fill my heart and life with grace and divine enablement.. that I might truly be salt. Oh Father, keep me from losing my flavor! Help me to guard the spice and flavor of a life sacrificed unto You and obedient to Your will!

Lord help me to see that You were the Light of the World... and that as Your disciple and follower and brother and Bride.. you call me to be the light of the world as well! Lord help me to see that I am light in the midst of spiritual darkness... in my family, in my friends, in my work colleagues, in my career, in my sphere of influence, in my acquaintances, in the people's lives that I come across every day. Father help me to see that I am called to be the city that is set on a hill... for all men to see. O Father, let men see the great glory of Your goodness that has worked in my life... pulling me out of sin, rescuing me from hell, transforming my character, breaking my addictions, changing my heart of stone, redeeming my selfish existence! Father let men see the good works that I do out of love for Your Son. Father, let my good works be seen as a love gift offering to You. Let them not be a badge of my own self-righteousness—let me never boast like the Pharisee that I am not like other men. O Lord, the great glory of Your love that you could take me – the worst of sinners – and change me to be a lover of God and a pursuer of You. All good things that I do have come from Your goodness.. not my own. Father, let good works flow from Your heart and vision—a vision to see me as an instrument of redemption in the earth. Use my life to establish Your kingdom in the lives of others.

Father help me to be the burning and shining light of righteousness...to see myself in the highest way: as a lover of God and as deeply loved by You! Lord, so fill me with Your anointing oil and with the spirit of prayer and supplication... that my light shines from the inner devotion of my heart.. the inner oil of intimacy. Let my lamp burn brightly... as your servant John the Baptist... who was a bright and shining lamp... the voice that cried in the wilderness. Let my light cause others to rejoice Lord! Let my light be characterized as BRIGHT and INTENSE and BURNING! Let my light burn pure oil... without malice, or evil motives, or pride, or desire for gain, or fleshly lust. Help me to keep my oil pure so that Your flame burns brightly and clear and crisp! O HOLY FLAME, come near to this dry, cold, barren heart of mine! O HOLY FLAME, that my heart would burn with your intense emotions and feelings... that it would be consumed by Your passions and Your energy and Your desires. O HOLY FLAME of LOVE! That Your salvation and Your righteousness would be seen by men... seen by the world.. IN ME! Come LORD, impart these qualities to me... though it is too high for me to see... give me a vision of the lamp burning in the darkness.. the city upon a hill.. the salt of preservation and healing...what and who You have redeemed me to BE!

IN YESHUA's NAME... let it be so!

*Devotional Prayer***Prayer for Love To Abound and Be Shed Abroad in Our Hearts****John 17:26; Eph 3:17-18; Romans 5:1-5**

And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them. That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Father, though my heart sometimes feels like there is no energy for love, no desire for intimacy, no power to do good, or no forward motion in relationship, I come and ask in my barrenness that you reveal and declare Your name to me. Oh Father of my Lord Jesus, You are love! Lord Jesus, open my heart to perceive and understand the glories of Your Father's name. You promised Lord that You would reveal Your Father's name to me! Lord Jesus, You declared Your Father's name to Your first followers... You declared to them His nature and His personality and His emotions and His heart. You declared to them the mystery of the ages... You declared to them the Bridal heart of Your Father... to present on the last day a Bridal Partner unto You—one that serves, loves, and shares authority in deep relationship and commitment with You. Declare the name of Your Father... the Jealous Name... the Great I AM.. the LORD God Almighty... the Ominipotent one... the Sovereign Creator... the One who Was and Is and Is to Come... Declare and reveal His mighty name to my heart.

Father, I must love Your Son like You do! I need the help of the Holy Spirit, to shed the love of God abroad into my heart. I need the escort of the Holy Spirit.... I need You Father even to love Your Son as I should. I need Your grace working upon my heart Lord... I need Your burning emotions rooted and grounded in my heart... so that my desires will my change, so that my passion will be renewed, so that fires of love will burn in my heart, so that I can rejoice in the hope of glory, so that I can glory in tribulation, so that I can glory in my weaknesses, so that I can walk by faith in fullness of grace and love and passionate maturity. This is my heart cry Lord: to be a man after Your heart, to have and feel and walk in the emotions and thoughts of Your heart. Lord I can't feel Your heart some times! I cry out for the longings of Your heart to be shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit! What made You leave heaven for human beings? What made You put on human flesh, Lord Jesus? What caused You to give Your only Son, Father, on my behalf? What feelings and desires of LOVE made You do this? What is this unknowable depth and riches of LOVE that pervades Your being? I want it Lord! I need it! I must have this LOVE in my heart... if I am ever to walk in holiness, sanctification, power, and have a laid down life of sacrifice – I must have this LOVE!

Father, I am so weak in my human flesh. I am so weak in my attempts at love.. whether for You or for other people. LORD, I am so weak in my ability to see what you see and feel what you feel. I am so inadequate to walk in LOVE... I am so inadequate to see Your dealings in my life through the lens of LOVE. I am so blind to see the banner that flies over me: LOVE, LOVE, LOVE! Oh Lord, to KNOW the Love of the Messiah... to know the GREAT, DEEP, and SATISFYING LOVE of God. Father, make my life a love song to You! Father, I give you my empty and cold heart... only You can fill it! Only You can mold it and conform it! Inept am I to even make the first moves of love sometimes.. but come Holy Spirit... shed abroad this AGAPE... this PHILEO... shed abroad so that I may be rooted and grounded in the deep ocean of God's love!

In the name of Jesus, LET IT BE SO!

Devotional Prayer

Prayer for the Bridal Life Vision

Song of Songs 1:1-4

In the glorious name of the Messiah Jesus, we come to you Father. We thank You, our Messiah King, that you have revealed the song that thrilled your heart—the song that reveals the beauty that thrilled your heart. Thank you for opening up your heart of holiness and showing us the beauty of your Bride—a beauty that none on earth can really see or understand, but that only you can see. Thank you for revealing to me the emotions and feelings that you have for me. Thank you for revealing your tender heart and your graciousness toward me—that you would want even me—insignificant and unworthy—yet so desired by you! I come singing the song of all songs... the song of the Beloved and the song of the Bride! I sing the song of your love!

I come to ask that your Son would kiss me with the kisses of His Word. Open up to me the deepest revelation of love and desire found in your Holy Word. Open up to me the deepest understanding of Your great love. I want to know the most intimate touches of the heart of God ... of your Word... the most intimate partnership that you would give. I come to you Father, asking for this revelation. I want to know the most intimate things that you would give my heart, Father. Give me strength in my inner man, the anointing to love you, Father. Give us the anointing to serve you, love you, and lavish our praise upon you. Grant us, according to the riches of your glory,

Of all the things that we could ask Father, I ask for this: to see you in your beauty, to dwell in your house, and to inquire of your will. Let Him kiss me! Let the things that make His heart beat cause my heart to beat! Reveal the beauty of the Bridegroom King, Jesus, who is coming to judge the world, even as you reveal the beauty that I have in you! Reveal the great mystery of your name, Father. As even your Son has asked and prayed, manifest and reveal your name to me so that the love with which you loved Him would be in me!

Why would this be so desired? Father your love is so much better than the wine of this world. The fragrance of your oils.. the beauty of your name. All heaven and earth declares the beauty of your name. These thrill me! It is the oil of God poured forth that I need and so desperately desire. The oils of God poured forth are what I need Father. Rightly do the virgins, the redeemed of the LORD, love You. Rightly do we bow our knees to you, rightly do we give our whole heart to you, rightly do we drink of the revelation of your name and your heart. Spirit of Revelation, pour forth the fragrance of your personhood to my heart and to my spirit. Reveal the deep things of God to my heart Holy Spirit. Open my eyes to see the great beauty and glory and majesty of the King! Open my heart to see and understand the great radiance and splendor of the Messiah. Open my eyes to see what is His inheritance in me and what is my inheritance in Him.

We will run after you. Draw me in extravagant worship, but let me run with others in anointed ministry. Bring me into the king's chambers... where the King sits enthroned. Father, give me a revelation of the very throne room of heaven... of your reign and rule... of your kingdom and its power.. of the One who sits upon the throne. In the hour of temptation, we will remember your love. In the time of despair, I will remember your love. I will rejoice and be glad in you.. in both the good and the bad. In every season: I will rejoice and be glad in you! Wisely do we exalt in your love. We behold your great love and desire the kisses of your mouth with all of our heart. Song of all songs.

*Personal Intercession***A Prayer for the Release of Healing Virtue**

Genesis 20:17; Psalms 107:17-21; Jeremiah 17:14; Psalms 103; Isaiah 53:4-6

Father, God of mercy and all grace, God of all comfort and all blessing, as Abraham came to you in prayer for Abimelech and you healed him, I now come to you in prayer for the release of your healing. Father I come, keeping your command to pray for one another and seeking that you would heal in the name of your Son Jesus. Father I give thanks to You for You are GOOD! Your mercy DOES endure forever, and forever. Your mercy knows no end. It is new everyday and inexhaustible. O your great goodness that you have laid up for those who fear You.

Father, even fools transgress and commit iniquity against you. Yet, in your mercy, when they cry out to you in their trouble you save them from their distress. You send your WORD Father and heal them—delivering them from destruction. Now hear the prayer of one who is not a fool—but wise. Wise because I trust not in my own goodness or my own righteousness. Father I come to you as a wise child, one who has been adopted in Your family and one who has been betrothed in marriage into Your family. I come as one who trusts fully in your goodness and the righteousness and goodness of Your Glorious Son, the Man Jesus the Messiah! Father, if YOU will HEAL, I shall indeed be HEALED. If you SAVE me, I will indeed be SAVED! You are my praise—in both healing and salvation. No matter what it is—You are the source of all goodness and praise. Praise that I have been redeemed from sin and death. Praise that I have been granted access to the healing virtue of Calvary's tree.

O great LORD—my soul blesses YOU! I will bless your NAME. Your name is the name of grace, the name of mercy, the name of salvation, and the name of healing. Father I do not forget all the benefits that have been given me—benefits that come not because I earned them. Only because I have been adopted by grace into your covenant family. Now, O covenant keeping God, manifest YOUR NAME as Jehovah Rophe—the God who heals. Son of God, reveal and manifest the name of your Father to my heart and to my body. Let me remember now that you forgive all my iniquities. Every one of my iniquities are forgiven and not one of them has been left unaccounted for. You have freely forgiven me—all because I ask and confess my sins and repent. Now I remember that you heal all of my diseases. Release faith by the Holy Spirit—for without faith I know I cannot please you—to believe and receive and expect the fulfillment of this promise Father. I thank you that you would give such a lavish promise and that you paid for it and purchased it by sending your Son. You indeed redeem my life from destruction—you crown me now even with your loving-kindness and tender mercies.

It is the name of Jesus that I ask and receive your healing, Father of mercies. Surely the Messiah, Jesus, my King and my Friend, surely He bore my grief, carried my sorrows. Surely He was stricken by you, wounded by you, for my transgressions and for my iniquities... for my diseases and my sicknesses. Surely, His chastisement has brought about my PEACE-your SHALOM- in my body, soul, and spirit. Surely you laid on Him the penalty and the punishment that has brought about full healing—in every area of my life. Healing in my spirit, healing in my soul, and healing in my physical body. By His stripes, we were healed and by His resurrection from the dead that healing has now been released to ME! Even ME! Yes, Father, it pleased You that even your own Son would do this—all for those who love Him and say YES to Him. So I say YES, Father, and thank you, God of all power and all grace and all goodness, for the release of your healing virtue, in Messiah's name, Jesus the Prince of PEACE.

Let it be so even now!

Devotional Prayer

Prayer of the Bride's Beginning—The Paradox of Grace
Song of Songs 1:5-11

I am dark but I am lovely O Lord to You. I know my sin.. it is ever before me. But you see the cry of my heart to be yours O God. I wrestle with my immaturity and yet you declare your pleasure over me. You see that I am a wholehearted lover, in pursuit of you. Who alone loves like you love? I am dark in my fallenness and in my struggle...but I am lovely crowned in the unmatched gift of righteousness. The impartation of a willing spirit that cries unto you. O you find such loveliness. How lovely are your dwelling places O God! And you dwell in me!

Do not look upon me O Sons of the Church...in your anger towards me. You have made me keepers of the vineyard.. you have overworked me.. you have not understood my struggle. You have not rightly discerned my passion for Him. My own vineyards I have not kept.. my own heart has grown fallow under your influence, O angry sons of the church. Don't look upon me and don't judge me in my immaturity.

You O lovely Bridegroom... Tell me, O You whom I love. Where will you feed me? Where will you make my soul rest? My soul finds rest in You alone O God. My heart cries for You as in a dry and weary land. For the angry son's have pulled me from you, but my soul longs to return. O that I would again be fed by my God. In these early beginnings I so easily stumble. I am so easily distracted.

O love of my life. I do not know that you have called me the fairest of all the women of the earth, the most beautiful among the peoples of the nations. You have called me to follow in the footsteps of the devout throughout history. You have called me to submit myself to those who are your leaders and more mature... to humbly receive their counsel. You have compared me to the strongest of the horses in Pharaoh's court. You see strength in my heart and yet I see only my struggle. Who are you that you can see such things in me... even though I can not see them? My heart and my emotions are lovely before you even in the midst of my struggle.

You will make me a trophy of gold and silver. Your commitment to me beautifies my life. You have adorned me with such hope and such splendor. Yes I am dark in the eyes of men but I am lovely before you. Blessed be the God who loves those who REACH to Him in their struggle. Blessed be the God that crowns His Bride with beauty when the church writes her off with scorn.

Devotional Prayer

Prayer for Gifts of the Spirit

Nine Gifts: 1 Cor. 12:7-9.

Holy Spirit falls on those we lay hands on: Acts 8:18.

Spirit of Revelation: Acts 2:17.

Corporate release of Holy Spirit power: Acts 2:1-4.

Release of ministry of angels to Body: Hebrews 1:14.

Special measure of anointing over devils: Matthew 17:21; Luke 9:1

Father, you who set your Son as the Lord of the Church: the God who works in me and through me and with me to glorify your Son in my life. You are the God over the whole earth and over the Church—your called out ones. I thank you Father that my identity is not in what I do for you, but it is rooted firmly in what you do for me and who you ARE! I come now asking for the fullness of the Holy Spirit's anointing and power working upon my heart. Father I pray for a mighty baptism of your Spirit once again—upon and within. Release now your Spirit so that I may be of profit to your Body... to the lost... to the unsaved... to my fellow brothers and sisters in Messiah.

Father release the manifestation of the Holy Spirit upon my heart so that I may speak with words of wisdom in spiritual understanding and divine insight. Let the wisdom of the Spirit grace my very words and become a blessing to many. As Jesus saw you working and joined your activity, so open my eyes with divine understanding and knowledge of situations in people's lives. Bring forth words of foreknowledge and insight. Bring forth the gift of faith to believe You for BIG things... for BIG breakthroughs... for BIG deliverance...for BIG measures of grace. Release faith that will be bold and firm in the face of the enemy's advance. Father release gifts of healing, where the healing of the cross spiritually, emotionally, and physically are manifested in different ways and means. Father, give me the working of miracles, and signs and wonders. Father, release the prophetic Spirit upon my heart. Let words of prophecy come forth in song and music and anointed deliverance. Let songs of joy and inspiration be birthed in my heart Father. Give me discernment of demonic spirits and the ability to understand and sense their activities and Your methods of dealing with them. Father release new and diverse kinds of tongues and release the ability to interpret tongues in seasons of Holy Spirit activity. Work these gifts Father in me, my wife, my children, my family. Release the manifestation of your Spirit to work all these things in me --- as He wills. Use me Father as a vessel of your Gifts.

Father I pray that when I pray for people and lay my hands on them, that the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power would come upon them. I pray that as I sing and as I teach, the Holy Spirit would fall upon people, convicting them, comforting them, encouraging them, wooing them, healing them, stirring them, moving them closer to You! I pray that Jesus would be glorified in all! I pray that the Holy Spirit would fall on those who I lay my hands upon in prayer. Release Father the Spirit of revelation... the Spirit that reveals Jesus. Father I ask that my son and daughter would prophecy... that I would dream dreams and see visions.. that I would be surrounded by both prophetic unction and revelation. Pour out your Spirit in mighty waves... surround me, fill me, and use me in anointed ministry for your glory Father and the glory of your Son! Release angels to come now and minister through and in your Body. Release angelic revelation and understanding of the end times events.

Devotional Prayer

A Meditation on the Beauty of God: Psalms 145:1-7

I will extol You, my God, O King. Father, the greatest treasure I have in life is to know You! I ask that you would be the sovereign influence of my life... that You would be God over every area of my life. I will bless Your name forever and ever. I will bless You because of Your great name... Your personality and emotions. Your name reflects who You are to me: Healer! Redeemer! Savior! Provider! Sanctifier! Victor! Your name is One and Your name is Holy! Every day I will bless You and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Even in eternity, Father, I will bless You ... in the fellowship of Your Son and Spirit... I will declare Your awesome greatness and majesty.

Great are You LORD, and You are greatly to be praised. Your greatness is unsearchable. Show me Father, the greatness and fullness of your awesome majesty. You, the great unsearchable One, would You let me be acquainted and know and experience the things that make Your heart glad. Would You shine the light of Your countenance... Your face... Your revelation upon me. One generation shall praise Your works to another and will declare Your mighty acts. Father I ask that my children would praise You and declare Your mighty acts and that I would tell them of all the wonderful works You have done in my life. Father, how great Your love and mercy that You have stored up for me!

I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wondrous works. How wonderful are things You have wrought in my life! Oh God how awesome are the wonderful working of Your ways... the supernatural providence through time... the setting of stages... the divine drama You have played out through me! Men will speak of the might of Your awesome acts and so Lord I will declare Your greatness. Father, my heart's desire is to declare Your greatness to those who do not know You! That they would know and understand You... that You are the God who made the heavens and the earth... and yet you KNOW me, LOVE me, and DESIRE me. Let Your DESIRE FOR ME consume my heart Father. Let your desire for me surround my life and my actions and my thoughts. Let the thought of your great love and desire guid me every minute of the day... rooting me in faith... turning my eyes off of my problems and onto You! Men will utter the memory of Your great goodness and sing of Your righteousness. I will tell of your absolute graciousness.. Your banner of love over me. I will declare that you are the righteous God... doing good and hating evil.

Devotional Prayer

A Meditation on the Beauty of God: Psalms 145:8-21

LORD you are gracious and full of compassion. You are so slow to anger and so great in mercy. Who pardons like you do? Who is as merciful as You are? Who is as longsuffering as You?

LORD you are good to all. You are good even to those who hate You! How incredible! What you would endure for me, Jesus, my Savior and Lord? What pain You bore.. what wounds you received. All because my sins weighed upon You! All because my destiny of separation from the Father fell on your heart! Yet, you endured... patient, kind, and good to all.

Your tender mercies are over all His works. Father, help me to be gentle, just like You are. Help me to not exasperate my children and to lovingly care for my wife. Help me to see their worth and eternal destiny in Your eyes. Help me to see You working in their hearts!

10 All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, 12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations. 14 The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. 16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing. 17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. 18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. 20 The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy. 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

Devotional Prayer

The Depths of Spiritual Pleasure

Song of Songs 1:12-17, 2:1-7

While the king is at his table, My spikenard sends forth its fragrance. A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me, That lies all night between my breasts. My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blooms In the vineyards of En Gedi. THE BELOVED: Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove's eyes. THE SHULAMITE: Behold, you are handsome, my beloved! Yes, pleasant! Also our bed is green. The beams of our houses are cedar, And our rafters of fir. I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily of the valleys. THE BELOVED Like a lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters. THE SHULAMITE Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, So is my beloved among the sons. I sat down in his shade with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste. THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love. Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Refresh me with apples, For I am lovesick. His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.

Lord Jesus, You sit at Your table and feed me on the finished work of the Cross. You sit as the KING... the ruler of the Kings of the earth. When You sit... You sit at the right hand of the Almighty... with all enemies UNDER Your feet, with all authority in heaven and earth at Your disposal. My perfume, the beauty deep within my spirit, my worship back to you from deep within my spirit is released to You. Release pure and intense and passionate worship from within my inner most parts. My inner most being cries out to You.

My beloved Messiah, Jesus, I contemplate all night long on the myrrh of God. I meditate on the glorious work you did on my behalf. Your beauty and Your majesty, Your humanity, Your passion.. Your sacrifice of Love. And I am the vision of beauty to You! Who could know.. who could believe this reality? How lovely are the places that You dwell.. How lovely are Your chambers... How perfect are Your ways. You are like a cluster of henna blooms. You are pleasant... You are not the heavy yoke of religion... You are the fragrance of such splendor! Your commands are not hard to follow. Your ways are pure and upright and holy and true. Your ways are fully acceptable and good and perfect. Your will is to be desired and pursued and followed more than anything. Oh if the religions of the world only knew how pleasant You were and how lovely your dwelling places... they would fall in Love with You.

You are pleasant... You have made me see that I am the Rose of Sharon. You have made me to see that I am the choice flower... the beautiful rose won by Your love.. beautified by Your sacrifice of Love for me. I am fair to You O Lord. You see such beauty in me.. that I cannot see. You see single devotion in my eyes, where I only see my struggle. You see within me and within Your church the purity of the Lily. You see within me such purity and devotion.. more than what others or myself can see! You have made me... You have made the elect of God, the pure Lily of the valley of this fallen and broken world. I say back to You that You are more handsome than I could ever imagine.

Like an apple tree, among the trees of the sons of men.. you are the fairest and you are the greatest. You are more delightful than all the sons of men. I sat down in Your shade with such great delight. Sweet delight! The shade of the Cross... the shadow that fell on You, so that I could sit at Your feet, forgiven, clean, purified, and holy! O Holy LOVE... O Holy PASSION.. who could imagine such LOVE. Jesus Your dealings with me are Love, Love, Love. The accuser says You are too severe. Your dealings are not too harsh or capricious. There is no spot in the way You correct me, discipline me, train me, mold me, and transform me to Your image. You are pleasant and Your commands are easy! The ONLY banner over my life is LOVE! Your only motives toward me are good! Renew my mind to see that Your will ... it is GOOD, it is PLEASING, and it is PERFECT. Open my heart and help renew my mind to see that Your will is the BEST... let me not chafe at all Lord in Your ways.

You have brought me to Your banqueting table. You have brought me to the place of fellowship, of intimacy, of relationship, of covenant, and of mercy. You have brought me to the place where Your Word is the bread of Life. You prepare a banqueting table before me in the presence of my enemies. While my enemies laugh and scorn, while they tempt me to think evil thoughts, while they mock the very real power of Your Spirit in me... You prepare a banquet of love.. a banquet of communion. Oh Lord, You remind me that Your blood and Your broken body have provided all that I need for life and righteousness and spiritual

maturity. You remind me that I am destined to sit one day at the Marriage Supper.. where we will be united in partnership and covenant ... where I will have a glorified body like unto Yours.

I am destined to sit at Your table.. like Mephibosheth, who was of the household of your sworn enemy at one time. I was once of the seed of Adam, but O Lord you have made me of Your seed, of Your Spirit, of Your lineage, of Your family, of Your inheritance. O magnificent gift of righteousness, power, and purity! O bountiful table... where all things are provided for me! O righteous Bridegroom, that You call me to sit at this table with You... with the banner of Love flying clearly... to eat bread at this table.. so you can show me kindness. In spite of my lameness, in spite of the fact that I was once of the family of your enemy, despite the fact that I am lame in my feet Lord.. unable to give you anything, yet Lord, you have showed me such great kindness! I prostrate myself before You, I worship at Your table, this table of bread and kindness. Open up to me the Bread of Life.. the Word of God.. feed me upon the greatness and depth of Your love and Your covenant.

The Apostolic Prayers of Paul

1. Prayer for revelation of Jesus' beauty and the Bride's destiny unto transforming our heart
 ...the Father of glory, may give to you the **SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM**, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the **HOPE OF HIS CALLING**, what are the riches of the **GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS**, and what is the exceeding **GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TOWARD US...** (Eph. 1:17-19).
2. Prayer for the release of supernatural strength in the heart unto experiencing God's emotions.
 ...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN**, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through **faith**; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND** with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:16-19)
3. Prayer for God's love to abound in our heart resulting in discernment and righteousness.
 And this I pray, that **YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND** still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may **APPROVE THE THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT**, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being **FILLED WITH THE FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God (Phil. 1:9-11).
4. Prayer to know God's will, to be fruitful in ministry and strengthened by intimacy with God.
 We...do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the **KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a **WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD**, fully pleasing Him, **BEING FRUITFUL** in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **STRENGTHENED WITH ALL MIGHT**, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. (Col. 1:9-12)
5. Prayer for unity in the church across a city or region.
 Now may the God of patience and comfort **GRANT YOU TO BE LIKE-MINDED** toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, **THAT YOU MAY WITH ONE MIND AND ONE MOUTH** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus. (Rom. 15:5-7)
6. Prayer to be filled with supernatural joy, peace and hope.
 Now may the God of hope **FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING**, **THAT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE** by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)
7. Prayer for Israel to be saved through Jesus.
 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for **ISRAEL** is that they may be saved. (Rom. 10:1).
8. Prayer for the release of apostolic ministry and to abound in love and holiness
 ...we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and **ABOUND IN LOVE** to one another and to all...so that He may **ESTABLISH YOUR HEARTS BLAMELESS IN HOLINESS** before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. (1 Thes. 3:9-13)
9. Prayer for the release of the Holy Spirit's power unto mature holiness
 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. (1 Thes. 5:23-24)
10. Prayer to be equipped and prepared to receive the fulness of God's destiny for the church.
 Therefore we also pray always for you **THAT OUR GOD WOULD COUNT YOU WORTHY OF THIS CALLING, AND FULFILL ALL THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS GOODNESS AND THE WORK OF FAITH WITH POWER**, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thes. 1:11-12)
11. Prayer for the Word to increase by the release of God's power to win unbelievers to Jesus.
 Finally, brethren, pray for us, **THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY RUN SWIFTLY AND BE GLORIFIED**, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. **NOW MAY THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS INTO THE LOVE OF GOD AND INTO THE PATIENCE OF CHRIST.** (2 Thes. 3:1-5)

Note Scriptures describing God causing His Word to increase resulting in many being born again.

God glorifies His Word by manifesting His power to confirm it with signs and wonders.

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)

So the Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. (Acts 19:20)

The Word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly... (Acts 6:7)

But the Word of God grew and multiplied. (Acts 12:24)

Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the Teaching of the Lord. (Acts 13:12)

12. Prayer that God would open a door of evangelism through releasing His power on the Word.

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, THAT GOD WOULD OPEN TO US A DOOR FOR THE WORD, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. (Col. 4:2-4)

Note Scriptures describing God causing a door to open for His Word by manifesting His power to confirm it with signs and wonders. In other words, that a door of power and opportunity would increase resulting in people being born again.

...that God...had OPENED THE DOOR OF FAITH to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

For a GREAT AND EFFECTIVE DOOR HAS OPENED TO ME...(1 Cor 16:9)

when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a DOOR WAS OPENED TO ME BY THE LORD... (2 Cor 2:12)

...I have set before you AN OPEN DOOR, and no one can shut it... (Rev 3:8)

Note Scriptures declaring how God opens hearts (by revelation) in order to grant repentance to the spiritually deceived. We pray for revival, that God supernaturally opens many hearts.

...IF GOD PERHAPS WILL GRANT THEM REPENTANCE, so that they may know the truth, and... come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil...(2Tim 2:24-26).

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us... THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO HEED the things spoken by Paul. (Acts 16:14)

He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

13. Prayer to enriched with the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit leading unto righteousness.

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, THAT YOU WERE ENRICHED IN EVERYTHING by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so THAT YOU COME SHORT IN NO GIFT, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, THAT YOU MAY BE BLAMELESS in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 1:4-8).

Note Scriptures that exhort us to earnestly desire the spiritual gifts. One primary way to earnestly seek the gifts of the Spirit is to earnestly pray for their release. This is a pray for revival.

But EARNESTLY DESIRE the best gifts...(1 Cor. 12:31)

...DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS, but especially that you may prophesy. (1 Cor. 14:1)

DESIRE EARNESTLY to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. (1 Cor. 14:39)

The Apostolic Prayers of Peter and John

1. Prayer for the impartation of Holy Spirit boldness through the release of signs and wonders.

...they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, "who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: `Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.' "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together "to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and GRANT TO YOUR SERVANTS THAT WITH ALL BOLDNESS THEY MAY SPEAK YOUR WORD, "BY STRETCHING OUT YOUR HAND TO HEAL, AND THAT SIGNS AND WONDERS MAY BE DONE through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:24-31) also, see Eph. 6:19.

The Apostolic Prayers of Jesus

[Consider the Apostle...of our confession, Christ Jesus...Heb. 3:1]

1. The Lord's Prayer

"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. YOUR KINGDOM COME. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. GIVE US this day our daily bread. And FORGIVE US our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And DO NOT LEAD US into temptation, but DELIVER US from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (Matt 6:9-13)

2. Prayer for anointed laborers in the Harvest

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. "Therefore PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS into His harvest." (Matt 9:37-38; Luke 10:2)

3. Prayer for the release of the Holy Spirit's ministry.

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!" (Luke 11:13)

4. Prayer of strength in temptation.

Then He came to the disciples..., "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation..." (Matt. 26:40-41)

Jesus High Priestly Prayer – John 17

1. Jesus prays to keep the saints in the Father's name

"...I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. (John 17:11)

2. Jesus prays to keep the saints from the evil one

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. (John 17:15)

3. Jesus prays that the saints might be sanctified by truth

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17)

4. Jesus prays that the saints would experience the fulness of God's glory

"that they ALL MAY BE ONE, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also MAY BE ONE IN US, that the world may believe that You sent Me. the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they MAY BE ONE JUST AS WE ARE ONE: I in them, and You in Me; that they MAY BE MADE PERFECT IN ONE, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them AS You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, THAT THEY MAY BEHOLD MY GLORY which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and WILL DECLARE IT, THAT THE LOVE WITH WHICH YOU LOVED ME MAY BE IN THEM, and I in them." (John 17:21-26)

Prayers for More Personal Revelation of God

1. An apostolic intercessory benediction to be established with insight into the mystery.

Now to Him who is able TO ESTABLISH YOU according to my gospel...according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith-- to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. (Rom. 16:25-27)

2. Prayers to grow in grace and knowledge of God

GRACE AND PEACE BE MULTIPLIED TO YOU IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, (2 Peter 1:2,3)

...grow in the grace and KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)

3. The Bride's prayer for Jesus' Coming.

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"...He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly. Amen. EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS! (Rev. 22:17, 20)

New Testament Doxologies

1. **Worship prayers to God by Paul in 1 Timothy.**

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1Tim. 1:17)

He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. (1Tim. 6:15-16)

2. **A worship prayer esteeming God's power in creation.**

And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail." (Heb. 1:10-12)

3. **Worshipping God for the joy of salvation**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, (Jude 24)

4. **Proclamation of our blessing in the heavenly realm.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (Eph. 1:3).

Notes on 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

THEREFORE (v11) = With this in mind... What was in mind?

1] Discerning gratitude for signs of Grace

God is at work!

John 5:17 => He is always at HIS work...

Can we discern it or perceive it in others?

Can we see the kingdom of God in others?

It requires a pure heart in us!

Father has been working from the beginning...

When we see the manifestation, rest assured that Father has been at work for a WHILE... a LONG WHILE...

We are to be thankful to Father when He shows us He is at work!

We are "bound" to...

When we notice growth in faith... exceeding growth

When we notice growth in love... abounding love

This is evidence of growth! This is evidence that God is working!

Why? No one does these things on their own. No one pursues God on their own. We must ask – we must seek – we must be DRAWN.

We must give thanks to God for where we can see Him working in someone. Growth in love, in trust, in reliability, in perseverance, in stamina.

Growth in conformity to the Messiah...

2] Confidence in the Sovereignty of God

God's perfect vindication for believer's

There is finality of EARTHLY VICTORY

Ultimate vindication will come from the hand of the LORD Himself...

Father God will judge the earth in fierce wrath and judgment...

GOD IS JUST! He does not sit idly by... He will bring about a final and swift judgment of the wicked in the end. There will be no escape!

GOD will eventually deal with issue of sin and injustice in this world... this is the message of the hour! He will bring about a final restitution.. He is not mocked... what men sow they will REAP.... Whether in eternity or on the earth or both...

Notes on Ephesians 3:16-19

For this reason I bow my knees

¹⁴ When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, ¹⁵ the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. ¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰ Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. ²¹ May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

That he would grant you according to the riches of His glory

The breadth, length, height and depth of the Messiah's love. Like many Jews I think of myself as broadminded and recoil from the narrowness of bigots and fundamentalists of all religions and non-religions. Therefore it reassures me to find that Yeshua's love has breadth; one can see the breadth of his love throughout the Gospel narratives. In addition, since his love has length it continues forever, since it has height it carries one's spirit upward into the very presence of God, and since it has depth it meets anyone even in the most dire distress and depression. Compare Psalm 139.

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