## **Your Kingdom Come**

**31 Scriptural Prayers to Pray Over Your Church** 



"Your Kingdom Come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

# Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

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# Your Kingdom Come 31 Scriptural Prayers to Pray Over Your Church

Welcome to this resource. We hope it will help you to pray for your church in deeper ways. Jesus is longing to rule and bring his Kingdom into our churches and through our churches to the places we live... if we take time to invite Him and expect Him. What we need is Jesus Himself to come as Lord, Savior, Purifier, Deliverer from evil, Healer, King, Light, Love and Truth. We believe God is asking us to stand in the gap for our churches and invite Jesus to come to cleanse, revive, teach truth, fill us, transform us, and send us out to the lost.

The 31 days can be used for the dates monthly. You may even want to unite with someone else in your church sometimes as you pray the verses on the same days. If you have a chance to pray over your church building, that would be powerful.

The word of God is living and active and it is the sword of the Spirit, so as we pray using Scripture, Jesus will fight for our churches. Each day, read the Bible verse aloud, picturing your church. Pray aloud where possible and pray in the name of Jesus. This is because when we pray, we are not only talking to God, but we are declaring the power of Christ in the heavenly realms.

Always keep a notebook with you. As you pray the general prayer, ask the Lord to show you the details for your church and write down specific names, issues, sin, idols, groups, leaders or neighborhoods so that you can pray more over these. As you pray these Scriptures ask God to show you by His Spirit, "what are the blocks to Jesus coming in our church and through our church for the community?" He may bring up something from the past, present or future plans that need to be forgiven, cleansed, surrendered, filled with the spirit, transformed, redeemed, changed. Or He may give a new expectation of where God wants to move in power or what Jesus wants to do and what might need to change in order for Him to do it. Be still and listen, write down what comes to mind and pray that Jesus will work in each of these.

As we begin this prayer let's remember that Jesus is our great High Priest, always standing before the Father to intercede for us. (Hebrews 7:25) We can constantly pray "Jesus I join with You as you pray for the church; help me to listen to Your heart and You lead these prayers by Your Holy Spirit."

**Exodus 20:3-4** (WEB) "You shall have no other gods before me." "You shall not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth ..."

Most High God I lift You up over our church today. Lord You are worthy of all our worship, allegiance, and love. Lord come by Your Spirit and show me how to pray. We do not want any idols; anything that would be a priority, passion, or hope before Jesus. Would You show us where our church has allowed idols in the past or present? Are we giving our hearts, our love, our time, our commitment, or our money to anything before You? Reveal to us by Your Spirit where we are putting our hope or trust in anything other than You. (Such as pride or self-reliance, vision, celebrity writers or speakers, leadership structures or positions, people or programs, particular sin or condoning sin, emotions, division, styles, music, traditions, denominational loyalty, money, buildings, busyness or cultural patterns and values. Listen and write down anything that comes to mind.) I confess these to You now Convict our hearts so that the leadership will see these and flee from idols to worship You and put our hope in You first. Forgive us Lord and cleanse our church from all idols by the blood of Jesus. Holy God, You are the only one worthy of the first place in our hearts and church. We bow down to You alone.

Colossians 1:16-18 (NIV) "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."

Jesus, I praise you that our church and all the people in our local
community were created through You and for You. You are Lord over
every spiritual force or influence at work in our area and I lift You up
Jesus. Is there any place where You have not been allowed to rule
over our church in the past or the present? Show us by Your Spirit
any place where we have tried to put ourselves before all things and
expected all things will hold together in us. (Be still and listen, write
down anything specific) I confess these to You now on behalf of our
church Have mercy on us. Jesus thank You for the pow-
er of Your cross to forgive us and wash us clean so we can bow be-
fore You. We pray that You will be before all things in
church and in You Jesus, everything will hold together. Come by Your
Holy Spirit to clean out the idols, distractions, human ideas, and self-
will so that You are truly welcome to be the head of our church. Ris-
en Jesus, take Your throne and reign supreme in our church over
everything, everyone, and over any spiritual forces at work. In all
things Jesus, You have the supremacy.

**1 Peter 2:5-6** (WEB) "You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Because it is contained in Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen and precious: He who believes in him will not be disappointed."

Lord Jesus we worship You as the cornerstone of our church. We ask

Your forgiveness where anything else has become the cornerstone,
from the past or the present. Holy Spirit show us any way in which
we are expecting You to fit around us, around our ideas, our
personalities, and our traditions, instead of us building around You
Jesus. Reveal to us any ways that our church is not aligned with Your
character and will. (Listen and write down anything that come to
mind). I give these to You. Forgive us Lord and give us strength to
allow You to dismantle the faulty building. I pray that You will build
our church around You Jesus, as our cornerstone, all our faith, plans,
relationships, and worship. In Jesus name build us up as living stones
into a spiritual house, full of Your presence. We pray that our
worship and our life together will be holy, an acceptable sacrifice to
You through Christ.

**Romans 3:23-24** (NRSV) "... since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ..."

Jesus, we praise You for the good news of the cross. We pray that our church will be grounded in the truth, that we have all sinned and we can all be put right with God by Your grace and set free by Your redeeming sacrifice. Holy Spirit show us any place where we have not received this truth or have not represented it fully in our worship, prayers, and songs. Jesus show us if there is any place where we have not taught the whole gospel, have sidelined the cross or have behaved in a way that says we do not really need your gift of grace. (Listen and write down). Forgive us if there is any other message that has overshadowed You Jesus, as our only Savior. In Jesus name raise up Your cross to be the center of our church for adults, children, and young people. Lord give us faith to believe that anyone, however sinful, or however good they seem, can only be put right with You by the gift of Your grace. By Your Spirit, lead us in a deep dependence on Your cross, filled with grateful praise that You have redeemed us. We pray that we will never get used to Your extraordinary sacrifice of love. Jesus, fill us with a bold passion to celebrate the cross and refuse to keep the good news to ourselves.

**1 John 1:8-9** (WEB) "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Psalm 139:23-24** (NLT) "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Jesus, I praise You for your promise that if we confess our sin You are faithful to forgive and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Holy Lord I come to You on behalf of our church and I pray that we will not say or act as if we have no sin or that sin is not really a problem before You. Break any lies or distorted truths that we have accepted about sin. We confess our pride and our tendency to compare ourselves to the world and not to You. Jesus save us from deceiving ourselves about sin and not allowing Your truth to lead us. Lord search our hearts, test our thoughts, and point out whatever offends You, as individuals, and as a whole church. Come by Your Spirit, humble us and show us our hearts as You see us. (Listen and write down any particular attitudes, words, or actions.) We cry out to You for Your mercy. Thank You for Your forgiveness poured out at the cross and we pray for every individual in our church, whatever age, who has not understood or received the forgiveness and cleansing You have won for them, especially(pray over names). We pray that You will teach us as individuals and as a church, how to confess our sin, so that You can forgive us and wash us completely clean from everything that is not right with You. Lord Jesus, keep us close to the cross, standing in the flow of Your forgiveness and cleansing blood. Lead us in Your everlasting way

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**1 Peter 2:24** (NIV) "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

**Ephesians 4:32** (WEB) "And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you."

Jesus, we praise You that You bore all our sin in Your body on the cross. Thank You that by the cross we can die to sin, refusing every thought and desire that does not please You. Thank you that through Christ we can live for righteousness. Jesus lead us in our church to receive all that You have won for us, die to sin, and live for You. I especially pray we will die to the sins of
(Listen for specifics) We come in our brokenness, wounded by so much in our families and the struggles of this life. Some of these wounds make us vulnerable to temptation or unaware of our sin. But You have died so that by Your wounds, we can be healed. We praise You for the power of Your blood. We pray that we will receive Your healing and live together under the cross, forgiven, and filled with Your righteousness. We bring You our relationships in the church. Jesus, we have often treated each other in judgement, not the grace You have given us. We have not been kind or tenderhearted as You are to us, but have been indifferent or uncaring. We have carried grievances, bitterness, or judgmental attitudes instead of forgiving as You have forgiven us. (lift up specific division or broken relationships) Forgive us Father. Lord Jesus, lead us together to Your cross. Heal us and transform us to live in Your grace and kindness for each other and for our community. We pray that all our relationships will be cross-shaped; filled with Your forgiveness and tender love. Only You can do that;
Jesus come by Your Spirit.
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**Ezekiel 36:26-27** (NIV) "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

Lord we praise You that You have poured out Your Spirit for our church. I praise You that You can remove our hard-cold hearts and give us a heart that is soft and responsive to You. Forgive us where we have not welcomed or expected Your Spirit in our church. Our hearts have been stony, hard, and full of self. Lord pour out Your Spirit in our church. In Jesus name do not let us settle for hard hearts spiritual dullness, or self-reliance. I pray that every person, from the leaders to the children, will give their whole hearts to You and receive Your Holy Spirit. I pray especially for (lift particular names) Lord, we pray for a hunger and thirst to know You personally and have a completely clean heart by Your own Spirit living in us. Jesus cause our church to teach this truth clearly to every generation As You put Your own Spirit in us Lord, move us to obey You and follow Your Word. Lord pour out Your Spirit of holiness and make us holy.

Romans 8:12-13 (NLT) "Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live."

We praise You that the power of Your Spirit sets us free from sin to live Your abundant life. Many in our church do not know of that power. Some of us fear handing over control to You Lord, so please show us that You are good and heal the broken places in our hearts that struggle to trust You. Often we just want to live our own way and are not ready to surrender Your leading. Father meet us in our misunderstandings of the Spirit, our fear and our pride and break down every block to Your Spirit working in our lives. (Listen for any specific blocks.) Pour out Your Spirit in every generation of our church. Jesus come, alert us to the places we are allowing our sinful nature to dictate our attitudes and actions and reactions. Move among us and give us a hunger for Your Spirit to set us free. Open our hearts so that by Your Spirit we will put to death the deeds of our sinful nature and receive Your life. Lord lead us by Your Spirit to live with an undivided heart, in a deep love relationship with Jesus.


Romans 8:14-16 (ESV) "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."

Lord we praise You that You can lead us by Your Spirit and so we can
be children of God. Many in our church do not know who we are as
Your children. Many of us are slaves to fear. We fear that You might
not love us or that You cannot forgive us, free us or that You will nev-
er be pleased with us. By Your Spirit, open our hearts and minds to
understand Your Father heart of love. Pour out Your Spirit of adop-
tion in us so that by Him, we will cry out to You as "Abba", an atten-
tive, tender Father. Save us from fear or wounds from people who
parented us, to receive Your love as a good Father. We pray Your
Spirit will bear witness with our Spirit that we are children of God.
We pray that Your Spirit will set us free from who we feel the world
says we are or how our past has shaped us. Father help us to receive
Your Spirit of adoption and live in our true identity as Your beloved
children. Abba Father, draw us to trust Your love, cry out and depend
on You. By Your Spirit transform us to take hold of the royal status
You have given us and bring us together as a family of God through
Christ.

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**Philippians 2:9-11** (NIV) "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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every name. Jesus take the highest place. I pray that every knee, from the oldest to the youngest and from the most influential to the weakest, will bow in surrender to You. (Listen for any specific names.) Come by Your Spirit and draw each one to give over control of their lives to You and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Free us to give You highest place in our hearts, to hand over the throne and
bow all of self will at Your feet. Jesus, we pray that Your name would be above every other name in our hearts; above anything else or anyone else that we hope in, desire or follow. We pray that the name
of Jesus will be above our own name; above self. Jesus, You are Lord and we are not. Take the glory in our church for Your name Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** (NIV) "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

Jesus, we praise You that because You died for all, all can die to self-

will. We confess that we live for ourselves and have been self-

absorbed, self-pleasing, self-obsessed, self-pitying, and self-promoting (Listen for any specific ways you need to repent for your church) Lord, forgive us and bring us to the cross. Jesus come and meet with everyone in our church and set us free us from self. In Jesus name, silence the lies of the enemy and the voice of the world that is so loudly telling us we need only to please ourselves, do what we like and fulfill our desires. Break the patterns of the past, break the power of other influences, and change our hearts, so that whatever our background, struggles, age or culture, we will no longer live for ourselves. Jesus, lead us by Your Spirit to live for You, who died and rose again for us.
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**Galatians 2:20** (ESV) "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

**Colossians 3:2-3** (NIV) "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

that it is no longer us who live we have not lived that way as for every place where the con opportunity to see the life of not died to self, especially in areas of church life or missed Spirit will lead us to live by fai and gave Yourself for us. Lord earthly things, as individuals a will be hidden with Christ in Gus to set our minds on spiritus and write down). Jesus, only Yourself for us to set our minds on spiritus and write down).	e but Christ who lives in us. We confess individuals or as a church. Forgive us inmunity around us have not had Christ lived through us because we have (listen for any specific opportunities). Lord we pray that Your th in You, believing that You loved us set our minds on things above, not on and as a church. We pray that our lives fod. Show me what it would look like for all things and live hidden in Christ (listen You can do this. Come by Your Spirit and ults, youth, and children so that we will set to live in us.
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**Romans 12:2** (WEB) "Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

**Galatians 5:22-23** (NIV) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Lord we praise You that You long to live in us by Your Spirit and to

transform our lives. Forgive us as a church and individuals where we
have not welcomed You or expected You to do that in us. Jesus please
lift up our heads to believe You and to invite Your Spirit to transform
our minds and hearts. We pray that we will no longer live conformed to
this world; conformed to the values, ideas and attitudes of our nation,
our culture, our community, or our families. (Listen for any particular
ways we have conformed.) We pray that, as adults, young people, and
children we will welcome Your Holy Spirit to transform us by renewing
our minds then You will bring fruit in our lives. Lord open our hearts to
be filled with You so that we can overflow with Your character of love,
joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control. I pray especially for your transformation in the area of
Jesus pour out Your Spirit, transform us and bring the
fruit.
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**Colossians 2:15** (NIV) "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

**Ephesians 1:19-21** (NIV) "And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, ...

Jesus, we worship You over our church and over any other spiritual
powers that are not of You. I praise You that You have disarmed and
humiliated the spiritual powers and authorities at the cross. Jesus You
triumphed over the powers of darkness by the cross. I pray that You
will cover our church with the blood of Jesus for Your cleansing,
victory, and protection. I praise You over church, that
Jesus Christ is raised from the dead and exalted far above all rule,
authority, power, and dominion and over every other name. Jesus You
are worthy to take the throne and rule over the past, the present and
the future of our church. (Listen for any specifics and worship Jesus
over those.) Whatever dark forces are at work in our local area I
worship You, King of Kings and I praise You that Your light shines in
the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it in Jesus name.
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**James 4:7** (NRSV) "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

**Matthew 6:13** (WEB) "Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever."

Lord Jesus, I praise You that as we submit to God, we can resist the devil and he will flee in Jesus name. Lord forgive us as a church where we have not fully submitted to God and have been weak to resist the devil. (wait and listen for specifics from the past or the present) We confess that doorways to darkness have been opened in our church for the enemy to divide us, distort the truth, distract us from You and dull us to Your heart for the lost. We ask Your forgiveness, especially in Lord alert us to darkness and close any doors to darkness we have opened in Jesus name. Lord we praise You that You can deliver us from the evil one, as individuals, families and as a church. I ask You to deliver us from the evil one in Jesus name. Lead us and our leaders to submit fully to God and to resist the devil and we praise You that he has to flee. I pray against
any other spiritual forces at work in hearts, relationships, or ministries in Jesus name. Father cover our pastors, music leaders, leadership, teachers, youth, and children's leaders with the blood of Jesus Lord of heaven's armies, I pray You will command Your angels to surround our church and fight for it to be all You want it to be in Jesus name. Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory.

**John 10:10** (WEB) "The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly."

**2 Corinthians 4:4** (NLT) "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News...."

Oh, Jesus we praise You that You have come so that everyone here can have life in You and have it abundantly. I bring to You every place in our church families and the families in our local community where the enemy is out to steal, kill and destroy and blind minds. Lord I cry out to You for those who are lost in spiritual darkness, in sin, or destruction. Shine Your light into destructive relationships that are aggressive or sexually abusive, for adults or children. Jesus save those in spiritual confusion or spiritual bondage through watching, reading about or involvement in witchcraft or dark spiritual practices. I pray for those who are vulnerable to the lies of the enemy in Jesus name. Lord I pray You will wake us up to see where the enemy is involved in our church and community. (Be still and listen to any specific areas, ways, or names.) I pray for every one of them in Jesus name and I praise You, Jesus that you have come that each one may have life in You. I pray the abundant life of Christ over each one. Where Satan has blinded the mind of unbelievers, I praise You that Jesus came to give sight to the blind. So, Lord heal the blindness and open their hearts to see You as their savior and deliverer in Jesus name.

John 8:36 (ESV) "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

<u>Psalm 107:13-14</u> (WEB) "Then they cried to Yahweh in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke away their chains."

I praise You Lord that if the Son sets us free, we can be free indeed. Jesus, Lord of freedom I come to You to pray for every person who is captive to any kind of addiction. You know our church community and all who are trapped in fear or dependency, on comforts, relationships, food, destructive behaviors, social media, entertainment, drugs, alcohol, pornography, and many others. (be still and listen for any specific addictions or names) I bring them to You, the Son who can set them free. In Jesus name we pray that You will break every lie of the enemy that says there is no real problem or there is no way to be free. Father draw us to cry out to You in distress. Bring us to a desperate need for You and use groups, websites, books, social media or whatever it takes to lead us to You for help. We praise You that in every addiction, if we cry out, you can bring us out of the shadow of death and break away our chains in Jesus name. In the name of Jesus heal us where these addictions are caused by deep wounds and save us where we are trying to fill our need for You with other things. Lord save us out of our distress. Jesus, Son of God, set us free to be truly free. Jesus come, You break away our chains and lead us to offer Your freedom to the community around us.

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20** (NLT) "Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. <sup>19</sup>Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup>for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."

**Galatians 5:24-25** (NIV) "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Father we thank You that You want to lead us in wholeness and purity. Teach us what it means for our bodies to be Yours and not our own. We praise You that You have bought every one of us at a high price by Your blood shed on the cross. We pray You will speak that value to our hearts, that we will find our worth in You and You will break the lies that keep us seeking affirmation or fulfillment in other people or desires in Jesus name.

We pray that we will truly belong to Christ, not ourselves and we will
crucify passions and desires. Heal us if our misdirected desires are
coming from brokenness or seeking comfort for deep wounds. Jesus set
us free from traumatic or abusive experiences that have distorted our
sexual feelings and heal us by your loving hands. Father help us to run
from sexual sin, especially (listen for specific temptations o
names) Lord we pray Your presence to cover and guard singles, married
and teenagers in our church in all our sexual feelings. We pray that we
will receive your Holy Spirit and our bodies will be a temple filled with
You. Lord keep us in step with Your Spirit for our thoughts, what we
watch, listen to, and read, our relationships and behaviors. Lead us by
Your power to honor God with our bodies in Jesus name. We pray that
as You purify us and fill us with Your Spirit, the community around will
see Your perfect design for sexual desires and Your good will for
marriage.

### **DAY 19** Matthew 6:10 (NIV) "...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Father we thank You that You have adopted us into Your family, and You invite us to depend on You daily in prayer. Lord forgive us as a church where we have lived like orphans trying to survive in our own strength and wisdom as though we do not have a Father God who listens and acts. Lord forgive us where we have been happy with our own ideas and trusted our own way. Forgive us where we have worked for our own will to be done and we have not sought your will, especially . Lord Jesus convict us, bring us to the end of ourselves and teach us to pray. We pray that You will draw our leadership teams for adults, youth, and children's ministry, to seek Your face and listen to Your direction. Jesus, move by Your Spirit to raise our expectations so that we surrender to You as King over our church and pray for Your transforming rule and reign in our community. Break through by Your Spirit and free us from prayerless patterns; from settling for less than Your presence and power. Give us a passion to see Your kingdom of love, peace, true freedom, and intimate relationship with the King. Father give us an urgency and teach us to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, here as it is in heaven."

**Ephesians 6:12, 17-18** (NIV) "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests..."

Lord of heaven's armies we confess that we have not been attentive
to the spiritual battle in prayer. We have tried to make the battle
ours, not yours, by not praying. Our prayers have been weak, and
we have not trusted in Your mighty power and authority to fight for
our church or for the lost in our families and community. Forgive us
Lord, especially our lack of prayer for (Listen for spe-
cifics). In Jesus name wake us up to the battle and drive us to our
knees. Thank you that you have given us the armor of God and the
Sword of the Spirit that is the word of God. Now Lord help us to put $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$
it on and train us to use the sword in prayer. Fill us with Your Holy
Spirit to see what you see, then take our stand, covered with Christ,
and armed with Your weapon. Teach us what it means to "pray in
the Spirit", listening to You and praying in Your power. Lord Jesus
lead us to pray on "all occasions". Pour out Your Spirit of prayer and
show us how, when, who should pray for every detail of Your will in
the church, and Your desire to reach our community. (Listen for spe-
cifics.) In Jesus name break any lies that say we do not need to pray,
we cannot pray, it does not change anything or that You do not
hear. Raise us up, protected with Your armor, to stand in the battle
in prayer.

John 4:23-24 (NIV) "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Father You are longing to make Your church true worshippers. You de serve all the praise, honor, and glory and all our love. Lord we thank You that we can worship You with our lives and we can worship with other believers and thank You that You desire to meet us in Your holy presence. We confess that we have often focused on buildings, styles, music, ourselves and leaders and we have not been true worshippers. Father we have been distracted, unspiritual or careless and we have not worshiped "in the Spirit". Lord Jesus, our words have not reflect ed our hearts and lives; our worship has not been worthy of all of who You are; we have not worshipped in truth. (listen for any specific issues over worship in your church) Father change our hearts to be true worshippers. Lead us and free us to worship You in the Spirit and in truth in Jesus name. Show us what that means. (Be still and listen) Come by Your Spirit and anoint all those who plan or lead in worship, especially Jesus fix their hearts on You and draw them to be true worshippers. We pray that our church worship services will be
worthy of You and filled with Your Spirit in such a way that those who come in will see You and hunger to live in Your presence. Jesus come and rule over our worship by the power of Your name.

**John 15:5** (NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

**2 Corinthians 4:5** (WEB) "For we don't preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake, ..."

Almighty Father we bring You our leaders – pastors, music leaders, small group and Sunday school leaders, youth leaders, children's leaders, elders, and committee members. (Mention names) Lord Jesus we praise You that You are the Vine for our church, and we are not. We pray that You will free our leaders from any way that they would try to be the vine themselves and reveal Yourself as the only source of life for our church. Jesus draw each leader to abide in You and You to abide in them. Show our leaders what it means to be a branch and expect You to be the Vine. Draw them to abide in Your love and trust You. Holy Spirit come, grow our leaders to prayerfully depend on You and fill them with Your life so they will bear much fruit. Jesus, convict us of any place where our leaders are doing things in their own will, strength, wisdom, or personality and help our church to accept the truth that without You we can do nothing. (Be still and listen for any specifics) King of glory, take the throne, rule over our leaders, and bring them to surrender the ministries at Your feet in humility, trust, and expectation. In Jesus name protect them from spiritual confusion, temptation, or exhaustion. We pray that Your Spirit will transform our leaders to be servants for Jesus sake so that nothing they are or do promotes self, but only preaches Christ as Lord and Him crucified. I ask that our leaders would desire to be filled and led by Your Holy Spirit, lifting high the cross under the name of Jesus Christ.

**Isaiah 55:2-3** (NRSV) "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

Loving Father, I thank You that You have invited us to Your table to
feast on Your Word. Lord forgive us as a church where we are trusting
our own words or other people's ideas, accepting what is not bread and laboring for what does not satisfy, especially (be still
and listen for specifics). Forgive us Lord where we have not come to
You or listened to You. In Jesus name break the lies that say we cannot
understand Your Word, we do not have time or that we do not really
need it. Give us a dissatisfaction with anything less than Your Word of
life, a repulsion for what is not bread. Father draw us to delight in the
rich food You offer in Your Word. Lord lead every generation to hunger
for Your Word itself and learn to feed on the Bible daily. We pray for our pastor, Sunday school leaders, small group leaders, youth, and chil-
dren's leaders, crying out to You that everything that is taught in our
church will be Your Word of life. Pour out Your Spirit on the teachers
and help them to feast on Your Word and understand it themselves so
that they can allow You to speak through them. Father lead our church
to listen carefully and eat what is good. We pray that we will come to
You and listen to You so that we may really live.
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**Hebrews 4:12** (NIV) "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

**John 16:13** (WEB) "However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth."

We praise You that Your living Word cuts through to the deepest part of our soul. We thank You that Your Word discerns and judges the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts. Forgive us Lord where our church has not allowed or expected You to do that. Father, we have talked about Your Word but not invited You to pierce our hearts or change the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts. In Jesus name break the power of any false understanding that has come into our church through what we have learned or experienced and through what we have not learned. In Jesus name we stand against the father of lies and we ask You to set us free in every place where we have received the ideas and values of the world instead of Your truth. Set us free
from confusion, dullness, distorted truth and lies in Jesus name. Jesus pour out your Spirit of truth especially in (be still and listen). Spirit of truth guide us in all truth- adults, youth, and children, in Jesus name. Give every age group an urgency and desire for Your truth in Jesus name. Lord pour out Your Spirit of truth on all who teach. Jesus guide our teachers to handle Your living Word, the sword of the Spirit, carefully and correctly.

**Colossians 2:6-8** (NIV) "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."

Father God we thank You that You see our young people and our young children. Lord of Heaven's armies we praise You for Your power to fight for them in the battle for their hearts and minds. Jesus thank You that You have died and risen for each one of them and You are exalted over every spiritual force and dominion that would influence them (lift up names of kids – You can get these from youth or children's leaders.) In Jesus name we pray that You will take a hold of them and nothing will snatch them out of Your hand. We pray that each one will receive Christ as Lord, surrendering their whole hearts to you. Draw them in Your goodness to put every one of their roots down into Christ and build them up in Christ. Lord Strengthen them in the faith and teach them. We pray that they will not overflow with self or with what the world pours into them but with thankfulness to You. In Jesus name we pray they will not be taken captive through hollow and deceptive ideas that come from the world or from dark spiritual forces. Mighty Father, protect them and free them from the influence of social media, entertainment and ideas on the internet that is literally coming at them through their phones, computers, and TV all day long. We pray the blood of Jesus to cover their minds and hearts against confusion, depression, craving entertainment and self-gratification, lies, self-loathing, fear, self-pity or pride and self-obsession. In Jesus name, You claim each one for God to be all Yours. Lord raise them up to be ambassadors of Christ to their generation.

	<b>uke 19:10</b> (WEB) "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the st."
	omans 1:16 (NKJV) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, or it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,"
ou do lo tio go th ta us bo ca of us	esus, I praise You that You have come to seek and to save the lost in aur community. Savior of the lost, break our hearts for so many who on not know You personally and have not surrendered to Your saving eve. We praise You that Your gospel is the power of God for salvation. Forgive us Lord where we have not really believed that Your cospel has power or that You desire and are able to seek and save the lost. Our church has been afraid, apathetic, self-absorbed, reluction, and lacking in love for the lost. (listen for specifics) Jesus teach is to pray for the lost. Lord pour out Your Holy Spirit of love and coldness to share the gospel with those who do not know, or do not are, or have rejected the gospel. I pray that we will not be ashamed if the good news of Your cross and resurrection. In Jesus name, fill is with faith, that your gospel is the power of God for the salvation if anyone who believes in this community.

**2 Corinthians 5:18,20** (NRSV) "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ... <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Lord we praise You that You reconciled us to God through Christ,

and You changed us from Your enemies to Your friends. Help us to remember who we are, as those who have received Your mercy and grace. Forgive us our pride that causes us to think we are better than others and forgive us our selfishness to keep Your message of relationship with God through the cross, all to ourselves. Lord, by Your Spirit, help us to receive the ministry of reconciliation that You have given us. Draw us to pray and transform our hearts to be ambassadors of Christ. Lord fill us and train us how to entreat others on Christ's behalf, "be reconciled to God". Direct us by Your Spirit to know how and who and where to reach out and send us out. (Listen for what that means for your church) We pray that we will not do anything in our own strength, love, or wisdom but only by Your Spirit. Jesus draw us deeper into Your heart in constant prayer so that we can speak with Your voice as Your ambassadors.

Matthew 25:37-40 (ESV) "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

Jesus, we thank You for Your compassion towards the least. Father

You see the sick, lonely, oppressed, poor and the prisoners in our
community and You see our attitudes and actions for them. We ask
for Your forgiveness where we have not seen them and have not
done what You want us to do for them or for You Jesus. Come by
Your Spirit and give us Your compassion to see what You see. Give us
Your burden to pray for the suffering and the least in our community.
(Listen for specifics.) Jesus lead us and show us how to do our very
best because whatever we do for the least, we are doing it for You.
Direct our use of time, energy, and focus, to give, act and spend time
with those in need, those alone or held captive in any way. Jesus help
us to do this for You.
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**Ephesians 2:13-14** (NIV) "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ..."

Loving Savior bring us near to You by the blood of Christ and help us remember that is who we are. Lord convict us by Your Spirit of all division, prejudice or attitudes that do not reflect You. Forgive us where we have looked at others through our own eyes, as though the cross never happened, and You are not our peace. Forgive us for our hard hearts and lack of love. (Pray over any specific attitudes or relationships.) Jesus come into our church and be our peace. In Jesus name destroy every barrier of differences in class, economic status, race, culture, family background, style or generation. Break down every wall that divides us by Your love and power. In Jesus name, cleanse our hearts of the hostility that separates. Jesus stand between us as our peace and give us Your eyes to look at others through Your heart. King Jesus we pray there will be no more walls, no more "us and them"; either within the church or in our relationships with those who do not yet believe. Lord cleanse our hearts from pride, suspicion, judging, anger, patronizing or lack of love. We pray the blood of Jesus over our relationships and attitudes for Your purity, protection and peace. In Jesus name fill us by Your Spirit with Your humble love that does not build walls or accept barriers.

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John 17:21-23 (WEB) Jesus prays: "That they may all be one; even 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 have given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you sent me and loved them, even as you loved me."

Jesus, I praise You that You still live to stand before the Father and pray for us. We praise You that You want to draw us into You, the Father and the Son to be one with You. Jesus please keep praying for our church to go deeper into You and together. Father we pray that You will give us the glory You gave Jesus so that we may be one in You. We want the world to see that You sent Jesus and You have loved us, as believers, as deeply as You loved Jesus, Forgive us where we have not been one in You and our local community has not seen who You are, because of our lack of love for each other as believers. Lord draw our hearts into You and show us how to stand together as followers of Christ with other churches and ministries so that the world will see Jesus. Lord lead us in our prayer, our giving and our going for world mission. Give us Your plan for what ministries, where and who we should support or work with. (listen and pray over names or specifics) Father pour out Your Spirit on Your church, so that we will be one in You, and overflow with Your glory to the world.

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