



# PRAY

## PRAYERS FOR YOUR CHURCH

A guide to covering every aspect of your worship time in prayer.



# PRAYERS FOR YOURSELF

- Ask God to search you and convict you of any sin that might hinder your prayers.

*If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. Ps. 66:18*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Ps. 139:23-24*

- If you are convicted of any sin, confess it and repent. If necessary, seek reconciliation and forgiveness.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 Jn. 1:9*

*So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Mt. 5:23-24*

- Praise God for His goodness, His love and His work in your life.

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Ps. 139:13-14*

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22-23*

*for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Phil. 2:13*

- Pray for God's guidance and direction in your prayers.

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Rm. 8:26*

*And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Mt. 26:39*



Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when upon his knees he comes face to face with God.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

# PRAYERS FOR THE SERVICE

- Prayer for the Holy Spirit to be present in a powerful and palpable way.

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4*

*And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31*

*And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52*

- Pray that every element of the service is centered on Jesus and the cross.

*And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Cor 2:1-2*

- Pray that God and not people are the focus of the service.

*Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created. Rev. 4:11*

More prayers:

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The key to praying with power is to become the kind of persons who do not use God for our ends but are utterly devoted to being used for His ends. John Piper

# PRAYERS FOR THE PASTOR



Prayer is designed to adjust you to God's will, not to adjust God to your will.

Henry Blackaby

- That he has prepared himself to preach and be used by God.

*Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. 2 Tim. 2:21*

- That he will faithfully proclaim the Word of God.

*and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. Eph. 6:19-20*

- That he will preach clearly and in a way that is understandable by the hearers.

*They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. Neh 8:8*

- That the Lord will use the foolishness of preaching to transform the hearers.

*For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 1 Cor. 1:21*

- That the Word will have made progress and be honored by all who hear it

*Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, 2 Thes. 3:1*

- That the Word will accomplish what God pleases in those who hear.

*so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Is. 55:11*

# PRAYERS FOR THE MUSICIANS

- That they have prepared themselves to be used by God for His glory.

*Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. 2 Tim. 2:21*

- That they are singing and playing for the glory of the Lord.

*Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Ps. 150:1-6*

- That they are pointing those in attendance to Jesus and not themselves.

*And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, or you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5:9-10*

- That they are leading others in worship and not merely performing.

*Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Mt. 6:1*

- That they sing and play to the best of their ability and with excellence.

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:17*

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Prayer causes things to happen that wouldn't happen if you didn't pray. — John Piper

# PRAYERS FOR AUDIO/VISUAL

“Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still.”

E.M. Bounds

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- That they have prepared themselves to be used by God for His glory.

*Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. 2 Tim. 2:21*

- That they have great skill and wisdom in performing their tasks.

*And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. Ex. 36:2*

- That everything will work as it should.

*Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. Pr. 16:3*

- That they will have great skill and wisdom in correcting any problems that do arise.

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

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There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of Christ as by prayer.

Jonathan Edwards

# PRAYERS FOR BELIEVERS

## IN THE CONGREGATION

“Prayer tunes your heart to God.” Timothy Keller

- That they will be focused and undistracted in their worship and seeking God.

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Mt. 6:33*

*You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. Jer. 29:13*

- That they will be completely surrendered to Jesus.

*And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Lk 9:23*

*So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. Lk 14:33*

- That they will worship in Spirit and in Truth.

*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. Jn. 4:24*

- That they will worship in such a way as to give evidence of the presence of God and thus bring conviction on unbelievers who are present.

*But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you. 1 Cor. 14:24-25*

- That they will receive the Word of God as the Word of God and not the word of men.

*And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 1 Thes. 2:13*

- That they will be Berean in their testing of what is preached and taught.

*Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Acts 17:11*

- That they will be equipped for the work of ministry and the building up of the body of Christ.

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Eph. 4:11-12*

- That they will grow in maturity.

*until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Eph. 4:13-14*



# PRAYERS FOR UNBELIEVERS

## IN THE CONGREGATION

- That they would be aware of the reality and presence of God.

*But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.*  
1 Cor. 14:24-25

- That their eyes would be opened to the truth of God's Word.

*He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.* Jn. 12:40

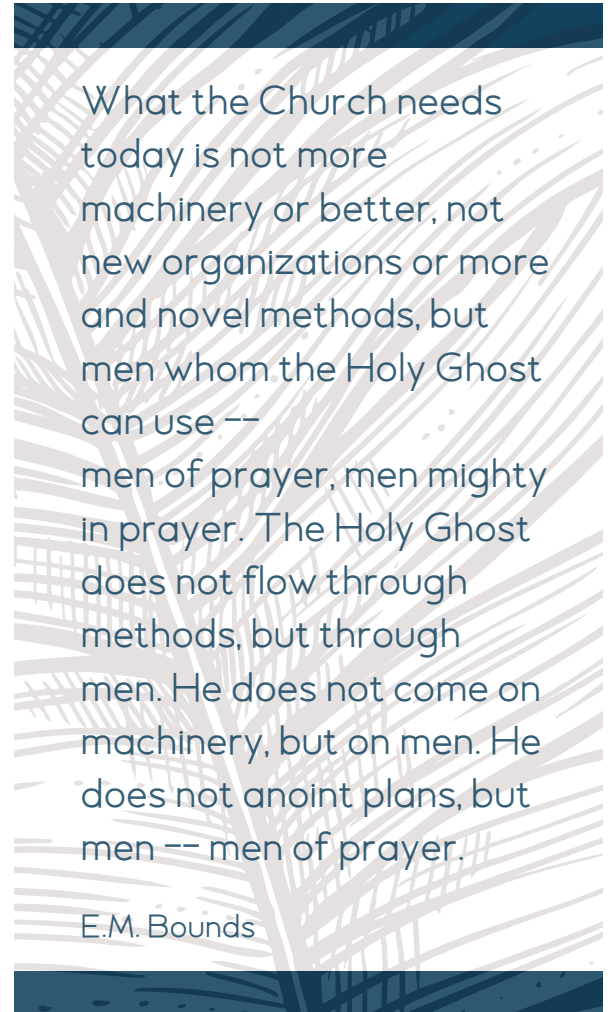
- That they would be convicted of sin.

*And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.* Jn. 16:8-11

- That they would hear, understand and believe the gospel, and thus be saved.

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.* Rom. 10:17

*And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer.

E.M. Bounds

- That they would be transformed to the glory of God.

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* Rom. 12:1-2