

Warfare Prayers From The Ancient And Contemporary Church

COTLE SUPPLEMENTAL PRAYER GUIDE

"Prayer is a great weapon, a rich treasure, a wealth that is never exhausted, an undisturbed refuge, a cause of tranquility, the root of a multitude of blessings and their source."

-St. John Chrysostom

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Warfare Prayers From The Ancient Church

O Lord, our God, pre-existing before all ages and remaining forever; who are as great in compassion as you are in uncontainable power; who because of your ineffable mercy bowed the heavens, came down on earth and became man for the salvation of sinners; who put on and immortalized our nature and ascended with it to the place from which you descended; hear from heaven and become merciful to all those who cry out to you with a broken heart. You, O Master of all, lend you ear and hear us. We know your undefeatable love for your creation and your inexhaustible goodness. Hence, we throw ourselves into the ocean of your compassions and entreat you: turn not your face from us nor cast us away from your countenance neither hand us over to those who are so furiously attacking us. Look upon us with your compassionate eye. Show us how to rise above both the visible and invisible enemies. Place in us a power from on high; encompass us with your almighty right hand; keep us under the protection of your wings; fortify us with love for one another and grant us unshakable peace. But before all and above all, instill in us your fear and your love that your holy name may also be glorified in us. Upon you alone we look, on you alone we have placed our hopes, and to you we send up the glory, together with your Father, who is without beginning, and the life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

– St. Gregory Palamas

Prayers of St. Hermah

Prayer Against Fear

O Greatly-merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and cleanse me from every sadness and disturbance and cowardice. Drive away from me every spiritual choking and demonic sorrow, that I sense in my body and my soul. For You are our Joy, and the hope of all the ends of the earth, and those far off at sea. Be merciful to me, O Master, upon my sins. Take from me the heavy burden of sin and despair. Drive far away from me every sadness and laziness. Confirm me in Your Love, and with unassailable hope and unshakable faith in You, through the intercessions of Your Spotless Mother, and all Your Saints. Amen.

Another Prayer Against Fear

O Master, Lord my God, in Whose hands is my destiny: Help me according to Thy mercy, and leave me not to perish in my transgressions, nor allow me to follow them who place desires of the flesh over those of the spirit.

I am Thy creation; disdain not the work of Thy hands. Turn not away; be compassionate and humiliate me not, neither scorn me, O Lord, as I am weak. I have fled unto Thee as my Protector and God. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. Save me for Thy mercy's sake, for I have cleaved unto Thee from my youth; let me who seeks Thee not be put to shame by being rejected by Thee for mine unclean actions, unseemly thoughts, and unprofitable remembrances. Drive away from me every filthy thing and excess of evil.

For Thou alone art holy, alone mighty, and alone immortal, in all things having unexcelled might, which, through Thee, is given to all that strive against the devil and the might of his armies. For unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship: To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Prayer Against Adversity

Dear heavenly Lord, It's as if I take One step forward and Two steps back. Things go wrong In the most unexpected ways. It seems like the whole world Works against me sometimes. And my failure ties me up in knots. Yet I know one thing, For your Word has told me, That I am not alone. So once again I call out to you, Rise up, oh Lord, rise up! Strike down the resistance and fear That seek to silence my faith. Give me strength and clarity To continue, no matter How hard the wind blows against me. I believe in your promise. You will not abandon me. I trust in the resurrection That sets my soul free. You are my almighty God And I am your beloved child. Christ won this for me Upon the cross. Only by your grace, According to your holy will, In Jesus name, Amen.

Prayer to Overcome Panic Attacks

Lord, I come to you, and I thank you for drawing near to me when I draw near to you. To think that you are mindful of me — it overwhelms my soul. But Lord, today my spirit is heavy, and my body is weak. I cannot bear the weight of this anxiety and panic any longer. I recognize I can't get through this alone, and I pray against the very active enemy who is trying to shake my faith and tear us apart. Help me stand strong in you. Fortify these weary bones and remind me of the truth that this pain and panic will not last forever. It will pass.

Fill me with your joy, peace and perseverance, Father. Restore my soul and break the chains of anxiety and panic that bind me. I trust you with my panic and I know that you have the power to take it all away. But even if you don't, I know I don't have to be a slave to my fear. I can rest in the shadow of your wings, and I will rise and overcome by your unwavering strength. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayers For Deliverance From Depression and For Mental Health And Well-Being

O Greatly-merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician of our souls and bodies, come and heal me, Your worthless servant. I have distanced myself from You, I have wounded Your Goodness and Love. I have sinned against Heaven and before You. I have worked all iniquity. I am utterly bed-bound, barren of every virtue and bodily or spiritual healthy. My body is sickened. My soul is afflicted. My spirit is weakened. My will has been overrun. Everything within me is drowned and suffers. I have descended to "the lowest Hades". Deliver me, O Lord, from the spiritual choking and the mourning in the depth of my heart, and the depression which rightly tortures me. I have worked all sins. These war against me. These have placed upon me this unbearable torture. Have mercy on me, O Lord. I, alone, am responsible for this desertment and destruction of my soul and body. Egotism has ruled over me. Negligence has enslaved me. Laziness has deadened me. Forgive me, O Lord, and heal my wretched soul. Drive far from me the evil spirit which works within me and which brings to me this unbearable choking of soul and body. Drive far from me the weight of depression from my heart. Free my soul and body from every negligence, laziness, high-mindedness, bloating, depression, faithlessness, indifference, unconsciousness, despair and deadening. I, myself, have brought all these things upon my soul. Forgive, O Lord, the multitude of my sins. Heal me from the multitudes of my passions. Grant, O Lord, that I might not suffer anymore on behalf of the passions which rule my wretched soul. Take up the heavy burden of my sin. Drive away from me every enemy and battle. Grant peace, O Lord to my life and my soul. Cleanse me from every corruption of flesh and spirit, that I might be able to flee from the evil spirits which worked this darkness and cloudiness within me, along with desperation and hell.

Lift me up from my bed of pain, and pallet of evil. The depression and the fear and the slavery of my thoughts, drive away from me. Lord, let Your will be done as You desire. With Your Graciousness and Goodness, trample down my enemies and the old man, together with its passions and desires. Lord, let Your will be done within me, that I might rejoice and exalt, without sorrow, and with joy follow You and glorify You, hymning and blessing You unto all the ages. Visit and strengthen me through Your Providential Power, that I might glorify and chant unto You, the Compassionate Lord, together with the Father and the Spirit unto the ages. You, my Comforting [Jesus], together with the Great and Surpassingly-Compassionate Father and the All-Comforting Spirit, come and find me, among all the trials all the days of my life. Have mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive my saddened and distressed soul and body. You are the Joy and the Light, the Resurrection and the Life, the Spring, and our Joyous Pascha. For You told us: "Him who comes to me, I will by no means cast out". You are He Who descended to the "storehouses of Hades", to seek the lost sheep, that is me. Have mercy on me, through the intercessions of Your All-spotless Mother, the All-Surpassing Joy of All. through the power of Your Precious and Life-giving Cross, the Tree of Life, through the intercessions of the Precious Heavenly Bodiless Powers, through the intercessions of the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel, through the intercessions of Your Holy glorious and all-praised Apostles, the Holy glorious and victorious Martyrs, our Venerable and God-bearing Fathers, and all Your Saints. Amen.

Shorter Prayer

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Prayers From Mark Bubeck

Prayer For Spiritual Victory

Dear heavenly Father, I praise You that I am united with the Lord Jesus Christ in all of His life and work. By faith I desire to enter into the victory of the incarnation of my Lord today. I invite Him to live His victory in me. Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You experienced all temptations that I experience and yet never sinned.

I enter by faith into the mighty work of the crucifixion of my Lord. Thank You, dear Father, that through Jesus' blood there is moment-by-moment cleansing from sin, permitting me to fellowship with You. Thank You that the work of the Cross brings Satan's work to nothing.

I enter by faith into the full power and authority of my Lord's resurrection. I desire to walk in the newness of life that is mine through my Lord's resurrection. Lead me into a deeper understanding of the power of the Resurrection.

By faith I enter into my union with the Lord Jesus Christ in His ascension. I rejoice that my Lord displayed openly His victory over all powers as He ascended into glory through the very realm of the prince of the power of the air.

I enter into my victory aggressively and claim my place as more than a conqueror through Him who loves me. I offer up this prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus with thanksgiving. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION OF FRIEND

Loving heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I bring before You _____. I thank You, heavenly Father, that You have sovereign control over (first name). I thank You for the qualities of _____ and _____ that I see that You have placed in this man/woman.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and as a priest of God, I plead the sufficiency of the blood of Christ to meet the full penalty his sins deserve. I claim back the ground of his life that he has given to Satan by believing the enemy's deception. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I resist all of Satan's activity to hold _____ in blindness and darkness.

Exercising my authority through my union with the Lord Jesus Christ, I pull down the strongholds which the kingdom of darkness has formed against _____. I smash all those plans formed against _____'s mind, will, emotions, and his/her body. I invite the Holy Spirit of God to bring the fullness of His power to convict, to bring to repentance, and to lead _____ into faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his/her Savior. I ask you, heavenly Father, to draw _____ to Yourself.

Believing that Your Holy Spirit is leading me, I claim (full name) for You in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus' great name I joyfully lay this prayer before You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Dear God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I worship You in the wonder of Your triune oneness. Thank You, blessed Holy Spirit, for Your great work of baptizing me into this body of Christ, the church. Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for continuing Your mighty work of readying Your church, to present her to Yourself as a radiant bride, without stain of any kind.

My Father, I rejoice that Your salvation has united me inseparably not only with Yourself but also with every other believer. Yet I long and pray for the bringing together of Your born-again ones. We have been terribly wounded by those things that have divided us.

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for planning for unity rather than uniformity. The diversity of Your body is part of its beauty and appeal to the lost. It adds to Your glory. Help us to love one another in our diversity.

Blessed heavenly Father, I recognize that Satan and his kingdom are relentless in their efforts to keep believers divisive toward one another. As the accuser of the believers, he continually plants suspicions in believers' hearts. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I pull down that work of darkness and bind our enemy that he might not succeed. I ask the Holy Spirit to supplant all divisive works active in believers.

In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE

Loving heavenly Father, I thank You for Your perfect plan for our marriage. I know that a marriage functioning in Your will is fulfilling and beautiful. I bring our marriage before You that You might make it all You desire it to be.

Please forgive me for my sins of failure in our marriage. [One may specify and enlarge confession.] In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I tear down all of Satan's strongholds designed to destroy our marriage. In His name, I break all negative relationships between us that have been established by Satan and his wicked spirits. I will accept only the relationships established by You and the blessed Holy Spirit. I invite the Holy Spirit to enable me to relate to _____ [your spouse's name] in a manner that will meet his/her needs.

I submit our conversations to You, that they may please You. I submit our physical relationship to You, that it may enjoy Your blessing. I submit our love to You, that You may cause it to grow and mature.

Open my eyes to see all areas where I am deceived. Open _____'s eyes to see any of Satan's deceptions upon him/her. Make our union to be the Christ-centered relationship You have designed in Your perfect will. I ask this in Jesus' name with thanksgiving. Amen.

PRAYER TO KNOW AND SPEAK TRUTH

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I claim the protection of the belt of truth, described in Ephesians 6:14. I pray its protection over my personal life, my home and family, and the ministry God has appointed for my life. I use the belt of truth directly against Satan and his kingdom of darkness. I embrace Him who is the truth, the Lord Jesus Christ, as my strength and protection from all of Satan's deceptions.

I desire that the truth of God's Word shall constantly gain a deeper place in my life. I pray that the truth of the Word of God may be my heart's delight to study and memorize.

Forgive me for my sins of not speaking the truth. Show me any way in which I am being deceived.

I ask the Holy Spirit to warn me before I deceive anyone and to protect me always from believing Satan's lies. Thank You, Lord, for making my local church a pillar and foundation for Your truth in my life. Help me to relate to my church and give protection to others as well as receive it myself.

I see, Lord Jesus Christ, that my ability to be strong and to do Your will requires the stabilizing power of the belt of truth. Thank You for providing this part of the armor. Amen.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Loving heavenly Father, I come again to worship You in the wonder of who You are.

I confess my sins to You, dear heavenly Father. Wash me clean in my Savior's precious blood from all that offends You. I recognize within my person a fleshly nature that can be rebellious in Your sight. I affirm that in my union with Christ in His death I am dead to the rule of the fleshly nature.

I desire the new nature You have placed within me to be in charge through the power of my Savior's resurrection. Thank You for having made this new creation in righteousness and true holiness, so I can love You deeply and serve You fully.

May Your Holy Spirit enable me to manifest before You and others the fruit of His full control.

I confess that, as a believer, I show my poor, blind, and naked condition. Thank You that my Lord Jesus Christ has invited me to come and buy from Him gold refined in His disciplining fires. I want that gold for myself and for Your church. Anoint our eyes with the eye salve that enables us to see things as our Lord Jesus Christ sees them.

I base every request on the merit of our Lord Jesus Christ's finished work. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

Heavenly Father, I come before You to plead Your mercy over my own sins, the sins of other believers, and the sins of Your Church.

May You judge not us with wrath and fury but judge us with a mighty outpouring of conviction of sin. May sinners groan under the burden of their guilt until the people cry out as did those at Pentecost, “What shall we do?”

I praise Your holy name that there is sufficient measure of grace through the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ to answer this cry. I wait for the Holy Spirit to prepare and bring us all to renewal, refreshing, restoration, and revival.

I ask this all with praise because of the self-emptying sacrificial love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Loving heavenly Father, I see about me brokenness and need. I see great needs in my own heart, in my family, among my fellow believers, and in my community and culture. Teach me to care, and to pray about those needs as Your servant Nehemiah learned to pray.

Unveil Your presence among us. Draw near to us that we might experience the brokenness and the awareness of our sinful need. I affirm that revival comes as people become aware of the near presence of our holy God.

It's in the name and finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ that I pray. Amen.

PRAYER TO WEAR THE ARMOR OF GOD

Heavenly Father, I put on the armor of God with gratitude and praise. You have provided all I need to stand in victory against Satan and his kingdom.

I confidently take the belt of truth. Thank You that Satan cannot stand against the bold use of truth.

Thank You for the breastplate of righteousness. I embrace that righteousness which is mine by faith in Jesus Christ. I know that Satan must retreat before the righteousness of God.

You have provided the solid rock of peace. I claim the peace with God that is mine through justification. I desire the peace of God that touches my emotions and feelings through prayer and sanctification (Philippians 4:6).

Eagerly, Lord, I lift up the shield of faith against all the blazing missiles that Satan fires at me. I know that You are my shield.

I recognize that my mind is a particular target of Satan's deceiving ways. I cover my mind with the powerful helmet of salvation. With joy I lift the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. I choose to live in its truth and power. Enable me to use Your Word to defend myself from Satan, and also to wield the sword well, to push Satan back, to defeat him.

Thank You, dear Lord, for prayer. Help me to keep this armor well oiled with prayer. All these petitions I offer You through the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER AGAINST TEMPTATION

The fleshly desires are part of our lives as believers, but they need not control us. Through prayer, we can apply three biblical steps to freedom from fleshly desires. First, honest admission and confession of temptation (Colossians 3:5–10):

Lord Jesus Christ, my old fleshly nature is tempting me to _____ (name the temptation, e.g., lust, anger, gossip), and I know that if it's left to itself, it is wicked enough to cause me to sin against You.

Second, the realization that we have died with Christ (Romans 6:11; Galatians 5:24). We should “count [ourselves] dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Acknowledge this truth to Christ in prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, I affirm that through the work of Your cross I am dead with You to the rule and control of my flesh and its desire toward _____ (name of fleshly temptation being experienced at that moment, e.g., anger, lust).

Third, living in the control of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16–25). This requires that we turn to the Holy Spirit:

Blessed Holy Spirit, I ask You now to replace this fleshly desire that is tempting me toward _____ (state the fleshly appeal; e.g., jealousy, lust) with the fruit of Your control. Put within my mind, will, and emotions Your love, joy, peace, patience, and all the virtues that my Lord Jesus Christ enables me to live out for His glory. Amen.

PRAYER TO LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

Blessed heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I desire to walk in the Spirit today. I recognize that only as He manifests the life of Jesus Christ in me will I be able to escape the works of my flesh. I pray that the Holy Spirit may produce His fruit within my whole being and shed abroad in my heart great love for the heavenly Father, for the Lord Jesus Christ, and for others about me.

Forgive me, dear Holy Spirit, for the many times I have grieved You by my sinning. Grant to me always the awareness of my sins that I might quickly confess them to God. Grant me also the desire to obey God's precious Word. Grant me discernment to avoid being deceived by false spirits.

I desire that the Holy Spirit fill all my being with His presence and control me by faith. Fill me, heavenly Father, with His power that You might be glorified through the invincible strength You provide me to do Your will. I trust my victory over the flesh today completely into the hands of the Holy Spirit as I let Him take control of me.

All of this I ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for Your glory. Amen.

PRAYER TO REMOVE DEMONIC HARASSMENT

I worship and honor my heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I ask You, Lord Jesus, to assign Your holy angels to protect me from any strategies of darkness designed to oppose this prayer for freedom.

In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of His blood, I affirm my authority over all wicked spirits assigned to control me and hinder my life and witness for Christ. I now command all lingering wicked spirits to cease their work and be bound in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. I also bind all replacer wicked spirits assigned to rebuild evicted strongholds. They may not do that! I command all those spirits assigned against me to remain whole spirits. I forbid any dividing, restructuring, or multiplying of wicked spirits working against me.

All powers of darkness having assignment against me must hear and obey Him who is their Creator and Conqueror. I affirm that God has seated me with Christ Jesus in the heavenly realms far above all principalities and supernatural powers of darkness.

Lord Jesus Christ, I ask You to tell all of these powers of darkness assigned to rule over me where they must go. Confine them where they can never trouble me again. I yield fully to all of the purposes You have in this battle I have been facing. In Your great name I pray. Amen.

PRAYER TO REMOVE DEMONIC INFLUENCE

Those who have prayed to remove “demonic” harassment may also choose to pray the following:

Spirit of the living God, I ask You to evict from my conscious, subconscious, and unconscious mind all control of any wicked powers. Break all of their power and manipulation of my thought processes. Sweep them away and make my mind clear of any wicked spirit dominion. Renew and sanctify my mind, Holy Spirit.

I now ask the Holy Spirit to look all through my emotions on the conscious, subconscious, and unconscious levels. Evict any controlling powers of darkness. Gracious Holy Spirit, take control of my emotions. Fill them with the Spirit’s fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, meekness, faithfulness, and self-control.

I now ask the Holy Spirit to look all through my conscious, unconscious, and subconscious will for any control of wicked powers. Evict them now to where the Lord Jesus Christ is commanding them to go. Sweep my volition totally clean from evil control and manipulation.

I offer my body in all of its parts and functions as an expression of my spiritual worship to my heavenly Father. Holy Spirit, look through all my body for any controlling activity of wicked spirits. I surrender all my physical appetites to Christ’s lordship and my sexuality for the glory of God.

In the name and worthiness of my Lord Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN

AS THEY GO TO SLEEP AT NIGHT

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I commit _____'s mind, will, emotions, and body into the protecting power of the Lord Jesus Christ and the sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit while he/she sleeps. I bind and forbid any powers of darkness to tamper with any part of _____'s person on the conscious, subconscious, or unconscious level. Heavenly Father, assign Your holy angels to watch over _____'s person and room to insure that no powers of darkness may intrude in any way while _____ sleeps. Amen.

PROTECTION FROM “CHILD SNATCHING” OR VIOLENCE

Heavenly Father, we live in a very wicked world. One of the worst expressions of this evil is the brutal harm done to little children by sinful people. Often it ends in kidnapping, sexual abuse, or even the violent death of the child. Thank You for Your hatred of this despicable evil and for Your holy wrath. I ask You to stand with me in watchful protection against any such evils happening to _____. I have made You my dwelling, and I depend upon You to assign Your holy angels in constant protective care of _____. May the most clever ploy of Satan and the wicked people he controls be unable to touch _____ in any way. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

UNWHOLESOME RELATIONSHIPS

You have told us in Your Word, heavenly Father, that “Bad company corrupts good character.” Because of that truth, I have deep concern for the corrupting influence I see corrupting influence I see _____ having on _____. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I pull down all relationships between _____ corrupting influence I see and _____ that are being promoted by the kingdom of darkness. I ask the Lord Jesus Christ to sever all of the unwholesome bonding that is taking place between _____ and _____. I ask that You would sovereignly bring into _____’s life only those wholesome friendships that will help _____’s spiritual development and moral integrity. In the name and worthiness of Jesus I pray. Amen

DRUGS AND OTHER INTOXICANTS

In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I come against those manipulating powers of darkness seeking to create and intensify _____’s dependence upon _____ (name intoxicant) to cope with life. I renounce and reject that deception of darkness in _____’s life that has made him/her dependent upon this counterfeit pleasure. I ask the Lord Jesus Christ to evict all powers of darkness associated with _____’s bondage and to send them to the place where they can never control or manipulate him/her again. May the mighty work of the Holy Spirit remove this counterfeit dependence and replace it with the joyful fruit of His full control. Amen.

LACK OF PURPOSE AND GOALS

Thank You, heavenly Father, that “All the days ordained for [_____] were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Psalm 139:16). I rejoice in Your good and satisfying plan for _____’s future. At the present moment, the sense of direction and life purpose for _____ seems hidden from him/her. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I resist all efforts of darkness to obscure and misdirect _____’s life into a purposeless future. I ask for _____ You to sovereignly direct and reveal to _____ Your appointed plan for him/her. Grant to _____ the wisdom to discern that plan and to enter into it in obedience to Your will. Amen.

Orthodox Prayers

Against Demonic Influence

Almighty God, Who delivered Your people from the bondage of the adversary, and through Your Son cast down Satan like lightning, deliver me also from every influence of unclean spirits. Command Satan to depart far from me by the power of Your only begotten Son. Rescue me from demonic imaginings and darkness. Fill me with the light of the Holy Spirit that I may be guarded against all snares of crafty demons. Grant that an angel will always go before me and lead me to the path of righteousness all the days of my life, to the honor of Your glorious Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

In Time of Trouble

Lord of the Powers

Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

Prayers In Time of Need

Almighty God, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, come to my help and deliver me from this difficulty that besets me. I believe Lord, that all trials of life are under Your care and that all things work for the good of those who love You. Take away from me fear, anxiety and distress. Help me to face and endure my difficulty with faith, courage and wisdom. Grant that this trial may bring me closer to You for You are my rock and refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy. I trust in Your love and compassion. Blessed is Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

O God, our help in time of need, Who are just and merciful, and Who inclines to the supplications of His people. Look down upon me and have mercy on me and deliver me from the trouble that now besets me. Deal with us not according to our iniquities, but according to Your manifold mercies, for we are the works of Your hands, and You know our weaknesses. I pray to you to grant me Your divine helping grace and endow me with patience and strength to endure my hardships with complete submission to Your Will. Only You know our misery and sufferings, and to You, our only hope and refuge, I flee for relief and comfort, trusting in Your infinite love and compassion, that in due time, when You know best, You will deliver me from this trouble, and turn my distress into comfort. We then shall rejoice in Your mercy, and exalt and praise Your Holy Name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

Prayers For Discernment

Dear heavenly Father, you number our hairs and determine our days; you hang the stars and feed the sparrows; you open doors no one can shut and shut doors no one can open. Surely, we can trust you when the time comes for making big decisions, or for that matter, any decisions. We are in just such a season again, Father, and we know we are not alone. We will trust you for generous wisdom, straight paths, and peaceful hearts, all for your glory.

How we praise you for being the decision-making-God. It's not our decisions, but yours that make all the difference. We will plan, but we trust you to order our steps. We will pray but ask you to fix our prayers en route to heaven. We will seek counsel but count on you to overrule faulty or incomplete input from our most trusted friends and mentors. We will search the Scriptures, but not looking for proof texts but for you, Father. All we want and need is you.

Free us from the paralysis of analysis—wanting to make the right decision, more than we want to be righteous people; wanting to be known as wise people, more than we want to know you. Free us from the idolatry of assuming there's only one “perfect” choice in any given situation. Free us from making decisions primary for our comfort and other's approval or fear their disapproval. Free us to know that good choices don't always lead to the easiest outcomes, especially at first. Free us from second and twenty-second guessing our decisions.

Father, no matter if it's wisdom about buying or selling, vocation or vacation, this place or that place, this person or that person, we know that in ALL things, your will is our sanctification—our becoming more and more like Jesus. Give us this passion; make it our delight.

So, Father, make us more and more like Jesus, even as we trust you for the opening and closing of doors that are in front of us. All for your glory—in our eating and drinking; and in our whatever's, whenever's and wherever's. Amen.

Deep Listening

God of silence and God of all sound,
help me to listen.
Help me to do the deep listening to the sounds of my soul,
waiting to hear your soft voice calling me deeper into you.
Give me attentive ears
that begin to separate the noise from the sounds that are you;
you who have been speaking to me
and through me my whole life,
for so long that you can seem like background noise.
Today help me hear you anew.

Help Me To Discern

Today, O God of all days,
give me an experience of your heart.
Draw me deep into your very being,
into the core of your love for me, others, and the world.
Give me a glimpse of others the way you see others:
loving them, forgiving them,
and delighting in the way they give glory to God
through their very existence.
Help me to discern out of that open place of deep affection
so that I too might be a useful vessel of your love in the world.

Give Me Discerning Eyes

Almighty God,
author of my life,
help me learn to read what you have written on my heart.
Give me discerning eyes
and an untiring spirit
to look within me
in order to understand how to reach outside of me.
And once I have begun to read you aright,
give me the generosity to help others to read you,
to sound you out one letter,
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Prayer For Putting On The Armor Of God

Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before you. I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to You. I take a stand against all the workings of satan that would hinder me in my prayer life. I address myself only to the True and Living God and refuse any involvement of satan in my prayer.

satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave my presence with all your demons

I bring the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ between us.

Heavenly Father, I worship You and give You praise. I recognize that You are worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise. I renew my allegiance to You and pray that the blessed Holy Spirit would enable me in this time of prayer. I am thankful, Heavenly Father, that You have loved me from past eternity and that You sent the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to die as my substitute. I am thankful that the Lord Jesus Christ came as my representative and that through Him You have completely forgiven me; You have adopted me into your family; You have assumed all responsibility for me; You have given me eternal life; You have given me the perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ so I am now justified. I am thankful that in Him, you have made me complete, and that You have offered Yourself to me to be my daily help and strength.

Heavenly Father, open my eyes that I might see how great You are and how complete Your provision is for this day. I am thankful that the victory the Lord Jesus Christ won for me on the Cross and in His resurrection has been given to me and that I am seated with the Lord Jesus Christ in the heavenlies. I take my place with Him in the heavenlies and recognize by faith that all wicked spirits and satan himself are under my feet. I declare, therefore, that satan and his wicked spirits are subject to me in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am thankful for the Armor You have provided. I put on the Girdle of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Sandals of Peace and the Helmet of Salvation. I lift up the Shield of Faith against all the fiery darts of the enemy; and I take in my hand the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. I choose to use Your Word against all the forces of evil in my life. I put on this Armor and live and pray in complete dependence upon You, blessed Holy Spirit.

I am grateful, Heavenly Father, that the Lord Jesus Christ spoiled all principalities and powers and made a show of them openly and triumphed over them in Himself. I claim all that victory for my life today. I reject all the insinuations, and accusations, and the temptations of satan. I affirm that the Word of God is true, and I choose to live today in the light of God's Word. I choose, Heavenly Father, to live in obedience to You and in fellowship with Yourself. Open my eyes and show me the areas of my life that do not please You. Work in me to cleanse me from all ground that would give satan a foothold against me. I do in every way stand into all that it means to be Your adopted child and I welcome all the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

By faith and in dependence upon You, I put off the fleshly works of the old man and stand into all the victory of the crucifixion where the Lord Jesus Christ provided cleansing from the old nature. I put on the new man and stand into all the victory of the resurrection and the provision He has made for me to live above sin.

Therefore, today I put off all forms of selfishness and put on the new nature with its love. I put off all forms of fear and put on the new nature with its courage. I put off all forms of weakness and put on the new nature with its strength. I put off all forms of lust and put on the new nature with its righteousness, purity, and honesty. I am trusting You to show me how to make this practical in my daily life.

In every way I stand into the victory of the ascension and glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ, whereby all the principalities and powers were made subject to Him. I claim my place in Christ as victorious with Him over all the enemies of my soul. Blessed Holy Spirit, I pray that You would fill me. Come into my life, break down every idol and cast out every foe.

I am thankful, Heavenly Father, for the expression of Your will for my daily life as You have shown me in Your Word.

I, therefore, claim all the will of God for today. I am thankful that You have blessed me with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. I am thankful that You have begotten me unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I am thankful that You have made a provision so that today I can live filled with the Spirit of God with love and joy and peace, with long-suffering, gentleness, and goodness, with meekness, faithfulness and self-control in my life. I recognize that this is Your will for me, and I therefore reject and resist all the endeavors of satan and his wicked spirits to rob me of the will of God. I refuse in this day to believe my feelings and I hold up the Shield of Faith against all the accusations and distortion and insinuations that satan would put into my mind. I claim the fullness of the will of God for my life today.

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I completely surrender myself to You, Heavenly Father, as a living sacrifice. I choose not to be conformed to this world. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind, and I pray that You would show me Your will and enable me to walk in all the fullness of Your will today.

I am thankful, Heavenly Father, that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, to the casting down of imagination and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and to bring every thought into obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, in my own life today I tear down the strongholds of satan and smash the plans of satan that have been formed against me. I tear down the strongholds of satan against my mind, and I surrender my mind to You, blessed Holy Spirit. I affirm, Heavenly Father, that You have not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind. I break and smash the strongholds of satan formed against my emotions today and I give my emotions to you. I smash the strongholds of satan formed against my will today, I give my will to You and choose to make the right decisions of faith. I smash the strongholds of satan formed against my body today, I give my body to You recognizing that I am your temple. I rejoice in Your mercy and goodness.

Heavenly Father, I pray that now and through this day You would strengthen and enlighten me. Show me the way satan is hindering and tempting and lying and distorting the truth in my life. Enable me to be the kind of person that would please You. Enable me to be aggressive in prayer and faith. Enable me to be aggressive mentally, to think about and practice Your Word, and to give You Your rightful place in my life.

Again, I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and pray that You, blessed Holy Spirit, would bring all the work of the crucifixion, all the work of the resurrection, all the work of the glorification, and all the work of Pentecost into my life today. I surrender myself to You. I refuse to be discouraged. You are the God of all hope. You have proven Your power by resurrecting Jesus Christ from the dead, and I claim in every way this victory over all the satanic forces in my life. I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ with thanksgiving.

Amen.