

THE FAMILY PRAYER B I B L E



365 Devotions for Children & Parents
Bring Your Child's Faith & Prayers to Life

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549 Principles of Prayer

There is an added bonus for the older reader. There is a superscript or footnote number added at the end of some sentences in the story. That number refers to the back section of The Family Prayer Bible called the 549 Principles of Prayer.

The 549 Principles of Prayer in this Supplement Edition explain many conceivable ways to pray. From the Yielding Prayer, to Worship Prayer, to Intercession Prayer, to the Affliction Prayer: these principles hold truths that will transform your prayer life. For example, the number (278) Life's Plan-Prayer (Rom. 12:1), means we receive strength when we know God's plan for our life and we commit ourselves to doing God's personal will. We pray for a full life of usefulness, and then we pray that our children may carry out God's plan for their life (Gen. 25:1-11, 28:12-15; Rom. 12:1). (See Laziness-Corrective Prayer, Life-Defining Prayer).

The 549 Principles of Prayer in this Supplement Edition also become a resource to teach you more about prayer. If you are in need of specific guidance this tool will help you find many different ways to pray. From the Escaping-Danger Prayer, to Strategy Praying, to Wisdom-Directed Prayer, there is prayer for every situation.

PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

1 - Abandonment-Prayer (Pss. 42:9)

When we feel abandoned by God, we need to be sure we are looking for Him in the right places. Or maybe the reason we haven't heard from God is because we block Him out with our chatter. God may "forsake" us so that we will examine our motives to see if we are praying for the right reasons. Perhaps the truth is that God hasn't abandoned us, but we have forsaken Him. Our feelings of abandonment might also stem from wrong ideas about God. Therefore, when we feel abandoned, we usually search for God more intently or sincerely. Rather than blaming God for not being there, why not exercise faith and ask Him to speak when we don't know what we want God to do for us? Yield the outcome (and ourselves) to Him. "Your will be done" (Matt. 6:10). Abandonment sometimes leads to the death of our pleasure, our comfort, our ambitions, or even our immediate happiness. But God doesn't leave us in a state of turmoil when we abandon ourselves to His will. When we relinquish the desires of our heart and submit to God's will, we crucify our self-will to Christ and allow Him to transform our lives. "I will say to God my Rock, Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" (Psalm 42:9). (See *Affliction-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Suffering-Prayer*).

2 - Abba-Prayer (Rom. 8:15)

The name "Abba" is a Hebrew term of our modern "Daddy" or "Papa." The name "Abba" is an intimate designation we give to God to reflect our close relationship to Him. Our heavenly Father is both powerful and transcendent, but He is also intimate and close by. Human fathers are supposed to relate to us as the heavenly Father, but many times they may not. When we approach our Abba, it's our heart speaking to His heart (Pss. 103:13; Isa. 66:13; Hos. 11:1-4; Mark 14:36; Luke 11:2; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6). (See *Fellowship-Praying, Intimacy-Prayer*).

3 - Abiding in Scripture-Prayer (John 15:7)

Jesus promised, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7). But that doesn't mean we can get anything or everything. We must meet the conditions, "Abide in Me, and My [Jesus] words abide in you" (John 15:7). We abide by (1) knowing the Scripture so we will ask only for God's will; and (2) by living God's Word that qualifies us for answers (John 14:20, 15:1-8; 1 John 3:22, 24). (See *Prayer, Scripture-Prayer, Word-Praying*).

4 - Absurd-Praying (1 Cor. 15:19)

Those who claim there is no resurrection are ridiculous, that is, they are inconsistent with reason or common sense. If one accepts the claims of the Bible with its supporting supernatural claims, then it is only foolish to reject the fact that Jesus rose from the dead. So those who pray to the Father through Jesus must acknowledge the resurrection of Christ. They must faith-base their entire relationship with God on the resurrection (Pss. 16:10; John 5:28-29, 11:25; Acts 4:2; 1 Cor. 15:19, 43, 44; Phil. 3:21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18). (See *Hypocritical-Prayer, Unbelief-Hindrance to Prayer, Unpardonable-Sin Prayer*).

5 - Accusation-Prayer Protection (Rev. 12:10)

Satan constantly accuses us to the heavenly Father, so we must pray constantly for spiritual protection and victory over evil forces. We must rely on the intercession of Jesus our High Priest, and the prayers of the Holy Spirit (Job 1:9, 2:5; Zech. 3:1-2; Luke 22:31-32; Rom. 8:26; Titus 2:8; Heb. 7:25; 1 John 4:4; Rev. 12:10). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer*, see various *Victory* prayers).

6 - Advocate-Intercession (1 John 2:1)

Our Advocate is Jesus. As our lawyer He represents us before God the Father—Judge. Jesus prays for our forgiveness based on His blood that paid our penalty. He, the Sinless One, was substituted for us, the sinners (Rom. 8:31; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:24-25, 9:4; 1 John 2:1). (See *Intercessor's-Prayer, Jesus-Agreement Prayer, Jesus' Name-Praying*).

7 - Affliction-Prayer (Pss. 102:2)

Seek God's forgiveness and acceptance when we are hurt, alienated, or suffering. This is a prayer to have our fellowship with God restored (Gen. 16:11, 29:32; Exod. 3:7, 4:31; 1 Sam. 1:11; 2 Sam. 16:12; Neh. 1:3; Job 30:16; Pss. 22:24, 102:2; 2 Cor. 2:4, 4:17; Phil. 4:14; 1 Thess. 1:6). (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Persecution-Prayer, Suffering-Prayer*).

8 - Aged-Prayer (Pss. 90:10)

For those aged persons who enter a time of physical, mental, and spiritual weakness, we pray that God will keep them true to His standards and that God will protect them spiritually with the strength of Christ (Phil. 1:21) to remain faithful in all things (Noah: Gen. 9:20-29; Solomon: 1 Kings 11:1-4; David: Pss. 51:3-13). (See *Family-Heritage Prayer*).

9 - Agree-Bless Prayer (Matt. 18:19)

When the blesser and recipient of a blessing agree in prayer for a blessing, they ask in faith (See Matt. 18:19). (See *Agreement-Prayer*).

10 - Agreement-Prayer (Matt. 18:19)

Jesus made an incredible promise to answer us if we agree with another in prayer. We agree that God can and will answer any prayer. We agree in faith. We agree on the urgency of the request. We agree to be completely honest with each other and agree to confess all sin (2 Chron. 28:12; Jer. 32:39; John 17:11-21; Acts 1:14, 2:1-4, 4:32, 5:12; Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:10). (See *Consensus-Prayer, Fellowship-Praying, Oneness-Prayer*).

11- Alert-Prayer (1 Peter 1:13)

This is our ready attitude to pray at any time and in any circumstance for any request. We should be ready to pray instantly because (1) we are commanded; (2) Christ indwells in us and He is with us at all times; (3) God is always available to answer; and (4) we should acquire an attitude of instant obedience (Acts 17:11, 21:18; Rom. 1:15; 2 Tim. 4:6; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 1:13; Rev. 3:2). (See *Continual-Prayer, Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer*).

12 - All Kinds of Faith-Praying (Rom. 1:17)

(1) We believe Christ died for our sins so we ask for forgiveness by faith; (2) We accept the fundamentals of faith and learn them; (3) We are declared righteous before God because of our faith; (4) Because Christ lives in us, we yield to His strength and live by His faith (Gal. 2:20); (5) We live according to biblical standards by faith; and (6) We discover our spiritual gift of faith and use it to live and serve God (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17, 3:21; Gal. 3:11; Phil. 3:9; Heb. 10:38, 11:6-7). (See *Faith-Based Praying, Faith-Prayer, Faith-Validated Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Possibility-Prayer*).

13 - All-Time Praying (Heb. 7:26)

We can pray to God the Father at any time, knowing that Jesus is alive and receives our requests as He stands at the right hand of the Father and presents our petitions to Him (Job 19:25; John 14:19; Rom. 6:9; 2 Cor. 13:4; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3; Heb. 7:26). (See *Continual-Prayer, Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer*).

14 - Angel-Appreciation Prayer (Heb. 2:7)

We should have a thankful attitude for all that angels do for us and for God's kingdom (Pss. 34:7; Matt. 13:41-42; Luke 16:22; Heb. 1:14, 2:7, 13:2). (See *Alert-Prayer, Angel-Like Closeness to God, Continual-Prayer, Persistent-Praying, Prevailing-Prayer*).

15 - Angel-Like Closeness to God (Heb. 9:5)

The pure gold seraphim on the mercy seat of the Sacred Chest remind us that we can be close to the presence of God. The angels were close to God because the presence of the Lord came to sit on the mercy seat in the Shekinah Glory cloud. The angels were (1) pure gold

which stands for holiness; (2) sculpted or beaten, which suggests they were God's masterpiece; (3) they had outstretched wings, symbolic of worship; and (4) they looked down to the mercy seat, the place where blood was applied to forgive sins (Exod. 25:17-22; Rom. 3:25; Heb. 9:5; 1 John 2:2, 4:10). (See *Angel-Appreciation Prayer, Mercy-Seat Praying*).

16 - Anointed-Praying (Zech. 12:10)

The term "anointed" describes someone who is endued with spiritual power for preaching, teaching, singing, etc. It suggests the Holy Spirit is speaking through an "anointed person" to needy persons. *Anointed Praying* is when the Holy Spirit speaks through the prayers of the intercessor (Zech. 12:10; Rom. 8:15, 26-27; 1 Cor. 14:15; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 6:18). (See *Promise of the Holy Spirit-Prayer, Spirit-Helped Prayer, Spirit-Insight Prayer*).

17 - Anointed-Truth Praying (1 John 2:27)

We request the Holy Spirit to take away our spiritual blindness (2 Cor. 4:3-4) so we can understand spiritual truth. Because the Holy Spirit is our spiritual teacher, we must yield to His control of our lives, and ask Him to guide us in the study of the Word of God (Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:18; John 7:37-39, 14:26, 16:13; 1 Peter 2:23; 1 John 2:27). (See *Blind-Prayer, Insight-Prayer*).

18 - Anticipating His Return (Rev. 16:17)

We are commanded to watch for the coming of Jesus Christ, so we pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20); (Pss. 130:6; Hab. 2:1; Matt. 24:42, 25:13; 1 Thess. 5:6; Rev. 3:3, 16:17). (See *Waiting for Christ's Return-Prayer, Watchful-Prayer*).

19 - Anticipating-Problem Prayer (1 Thess. 3:4)

Because we can anticipate problems or dangers before they happen, we should pray about them to keep safe. Sometimes God solves a problem before it gets to us. At other times we end up in difficulty, and then we must ask God to help us solve the problem and/or ask for grace to live for Him in the midst of the problem. If we recognize God is the Lord of the storms, He will be our Lord in the storms of life (Acts 20:24). (See *Desperate-Prayer, Emergency-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer*).

20 - Anticipatory-Blessing Prayer (Gen. 49:28)

An anticipatory prayer is when you pray for someone based on the potential you see in them (Mark 11:22-24; Luke 6:38; John 15:11). (See *Agree-Bless Prayer, Bible-Bless Prayer, and various Bless prayers*).

21 - Approach Worshipfully (Heb. 12:22)

Your worship will be transformed when you realize you come to worship with angels and all the saints throughout time, and that you are coming in heaven's throne room where

God will judge all people, and that the focus of your worship is Jesus (Pss. 2:6, 48:2; Isa. 12:6, 28:16; Joel 2:32; Rom. 11:26; Phil. 2:8-11; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 5:11-14). (See *Worship-Jesus Prayer*, *Worship-Ministry Prayer*, *Worship-Prayer*).

22 - Appropriate-Blessing Prayer (Gen. 39:5)

This is when the recipient of a blessing both receives and acts on the blessing given to him. (See *Anticipatory-Blessing Prayer*, and various *Bless* prayers).

23 - Asking-Prayer (Matt. 7:7)

God loves to give things to His children. Therefore we ask of Him because asking reveals our confidence in His ability to do what we ask for. However, we must ask according to His will. Asking puts us in partnership with God in the great task of serving Him. Asking enriches our fellowship with Him. Asking deepens our dependence on Him because it is natural to want to be independent. (Matt. 7:7, 8; John 14:13, 14; 15:7, 16; 16:24). (See *All Kinds of Faith-Praying*, *Believing-Prayer*, *Jesus' Name-Praying*).

24 - Assurance-Prayer (Heb. 11:6; James 1:6)

Assurance Praying means coming to God knowing that He exists, that He will hear, that your requests are within the will of God, that you have met the conditions for getting prayers answered, and that you will get the request for which you are praying (Pss. 35:13; Matt. 7:7-9; Mark 11:23-25; John 14:13-14, 15:7, 15; 1 Tim. 2:8; Heb. 11:6; 1 John 5:14-15). (See *Confident-Praying*, *Faith-Eyes Praying*, *Faith-Prayer*, *Surety-Praying*).

25 - Atheist-Prayer (Pss. 14:1-2)

When a person rejects God and His truth, there is no other place for him to turn but to his evil nature. He may “pray” to himself that there is “no God.” When we talk to an atheist, we should communicate to him that there is objective truth about God, and that there is a standard by which we all must live and all will be judged (1 Sam. 25:25; Pss. 14:1-2, 73:3; Prov. 1:7, 22; Luke 12:20; Rom. 1:28; Eph. 2:2). (See *Absurd-Prayer*, *Hypocritical-Prayer*, *Unpardonable Sin-Prayer*, *Unsaved-Prayer*).

26 - Atmospheric-Worship (Gen. 32:24-30)

Jesus told us, “The Father is seeking worship” (John 4:23, *ELT*). So when we worship the Father with all our heart, He comes to receive our worship. It’s then we can experience His presence near us. It’s like feeling moisture before it rains. When we feel God’s presence, we then turn to Him in worship (Gen. 3:8, 15:1, 17:1, 18:1; Exod. 3:1-14; Job 38:1; Isa. 6:1 ff.; Ez. 1:3 ff.). (See *Crown-Casting Worship*, *Praise-Worship*, *Worship-Prayer*).

27 - Authority-Prayer (Rev. 11:6)

We recognize we have no authority and can accomplish nothing in ourselves; but when we meet God's conditions for prayer, we can ask God for the things we need done. Then we can pray with God's authority (Mark 11:28; Luke 9:1; 1 Cor. 15:24). (See *Jesus' Name-Prayer, Intercessor's-Prayer*).

28 - Avoid-Persecution Prayer (Acts 25:11)

Christians will suffer persecution (1 Peter 4:12), but they shouldn't suffer needlessly. There are times to flee and times to speak boldly. We should pray for guidance concerning those times (Matt. 10:16-42; John 15:18-25; Acts 25:11; James 1:2-12; 1 Peter 4:12-19). (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Emergency-Prayer, Help-Prayer, Triumphant-Prayer*).

29 - Backslider's-Denied Answers (2 Peter 2:20)

This is a picture of the saved believer who once knew doctrinal truth, but returned to embrace sin like a hog returning to the mire. Peter says these people had "the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," but are "defeated" (2 Peter 2:20). Their prayers for anything but repentance and restoration are denied before they call on God (Isa. 6:9, 10; Hosea 2:23; Acts 28:25-29; Heb. 12:17; 2 Peter 2:20). (See *False-Prayer, Hypocritical-Prayer*).

30 - Baptized-Praying (Gal. 3:26, 27; Col. 2:11-12)

This relates not to water baptism, but to our spiritual baptism in Christ. Because we were baptized positionally into His death and resurrection, we have the spiritual benefits of both His death and resurrection. Now we stand perfect before the Father, so our prayers are accepted by the Father because they come through the Son. These prayers accomplish much more because they have the authority and/or power of Jesus' death and resurrection (Rom. 6:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 2:20, 4:5; Col. 2:10-12; 1 Peter 3:21). (See *Intercessor's-Prayer, Jesus-Agreement-Prayer*).

31 - Barriers to Prayer (Isa. 59:1, 2)

Instead of answering our prayers God sometimes allows an obstacle to attempt to dissuade us from praying, or to stop us from praying. (See *Hindrances to Prayer, Blocked-Prayer, and various "No" Answers to Prayer prayers*).

32 - Basic-Praying (Heb. 6:1)

The essence of Christianity is *relationship* with God; therefore prayer is talking to God based on a relationship with Him. It is basic communication with Him (Prov. 4:18; John 1:1; 1 Cor. 13:10; Eph. 4:12; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 6:1; James 1:4). (See *All Kinds of Faith-Prayer, Believing-Prayer, Definition of Prayer*).

33 - Beautiful-Prayer (Rev. 21:19)

God makes our prayers beautiful when we offer them according to biblical criteria for effective intercession. While our prayers may be weak, finite, and limited, when God receives them, our prayers become beautiful because everything God touches becomes beautiful (1 Sam. 16:12; Pss. 29:2, 149:4; Eccl. 3:11; Isa. 4:2, 52:1, 60:13; Rev. 21:19). (See *Believing-Prayer, Faith-Praying, Trusting-Prayer*).

34 - Believing-Prayer (Mark 11:24)

Sometimes God gives us faith or belief as we pray so that we know we will receive the request we seek. *Believing-Prayer* usually comes to those who (1) are yielded to do God's will; (2) have yielded the request they seek to God; (3) are praying according to Scripture; and (4) have met the conditions of prayer (Matt. 7:7, 18:19, 21:22; Luke 11:9, 18:1, 8; John 15:7, 16:23; James 5:18; 1 John 5:14, 15). (See *Faith-Based Prayer, Faith-Praying, Faith-Validity Prayer, Possibility-Praying, Trusting-Prayer*).

35 - Benediction-Bless Prayer (Lev. 6:23-26)

This prayer is invoking God's blessing on a church audience as it leaves a service so that God's special presence goes with each person (see Num. 6:24-26; 2 Cor. 13:14). (See *Mizpah-Benediction Prayer*).

36 - Better-Jesus Praise (Heb. 1:4, 8:6)

We exalt Jesus because He is so much better than all the means God used to bring salvation in the Old Testament. (Key word of Hebrews is *better*.) We praise the Father for sending Jesus, the final and ultimately (better) word on salvation (Heb. 1:4, 7:24-26, 8:6, 9:23, 10:34, 12:24). (See *Jesus-Prayer, Jesus' Name-Prayer, Jesus Worship-Prayer*).

37 - Better-Prayer (Heb. 8:6)

Our intercession will be better when we pray to God the Father through the excellency of Jesus our Intercessor. Because we stand perfect in Christ, our intercession is accepted (Gal. 3:19-20; Heb. 7:22-26, 8:6; 2 Peter 1:4).

38 - Bible-Application Prayer (Heb. 4:12)

This is a request that God will use the Bible to convict our unsaved family members and friends of their sin. It's a prayer that the Scriptures would open unspiritual eyes to understand the gospel so that they could see Jesus (Pss. 119:130; Isa. 55:11; Jer. 23:29; John 6:51; Rom. 1:16; 2 Cor. 10:4; Heb. 4:12; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23). (See *Abiding in Scripture-Prayer, Bible-Prayer*).

39 - Bible-Bless Prayer (Num. 6:23-26)

This is a prayer when the blesser speaks the Word of God in blessing over the recipient (see 2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:3). (See various *Bless* prayers).

40 - Bible-Comforting Prayer (1 Thess. 4:18)

Comfort comes when we base our feelings on Scripture and not on circumstances. The more we know the Bible and God's plan for our life, the better control we'll have over our feelings and mood swings, and the more effective our prayers will be (Isa. 40:1-2; Luke 21:28; 1 Thess. 5:13, 18; Heb. 12:12). (See *Abiding in Scripture-Prayer, Bible-Prayer, Word-Prayer*).

41 - Bible-Prayer (John 15:7)

When you quote the Bible as you are praying, your requests are biblical. You may claim what the Bible promises, or quote the prayers of someone in Scripture, or you may quote a Bible command to pray. We pray the words of Scriptures knowing God will hear and honor His Word. "If... My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7). (See *Abiding in Scripture-Prayer, Scripture-Prayer, Word-Praying Prayer*).

42 - Blessing a Person-Prayer (Num. 6:24-26)

When you ask God for His blessings on a person then God adds value to the life of that person. (See various *Bless* prayers).

43 - Blessing Children-Prayer (Lam. 2:19)

When we ask God to bless a child, God can add value to his life. "Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children" (Lam. 2:19). (See various *Bless* prayers).

44 - Blessing Expectation-Prayer (Rom. 2:4)

Be careful to pray a blessing that can flow out of the person's life or potential (see Gen. 49:28; Mal. 3:10; Rom. 2:4). (See *Anticipatory-Prayer, Trusting-Prayer* and various *Bless* prayers).

45 - Blessing of Victory in Warfare-Prayer (Eph. 6:10-18)

These words can be prayed by an intercessor interceding to God against spiritual oppression (from Satan or demons), and for blessings on the recipient (see Gen. 14:19-20; Exod. 17:11-12). (See various *Bless* and *Victory* prayers).

46 - Blessing the Lord-Worship (Pss. 103:1)

How can we add value to God? The answer is very simple: We can't. We can't do anything to make God more valuable than what He is. However, when we "bless the Lord" we give

God something that He cannot give Himself. When we bless the Lord, we are adding His value to our lives as we recognize the greatness and goodness of God. We do this in worship. When we bless the Lord, we move out of ourselves to get closer to God than ever before. We become less absorbed with ourselves and more absorbed with God. When we bless God, we become more valuable to Him, hence we expand the work of God in the world (Pss. 103:1, 104:1, 146:1; Isa. 6:3; Luke 1:46-47; Rev. 4:8). (See *Crown-Casting Worship, Pleasant-Smelling Prayer, True-Worshippers-Prayer, Worship-Prayer*).

47 - Blessing-Prayer (Gen. 49:28)

We add spiritual value to another person when we pray/bless God into their lives and we ask God to add value to their lives (spiritually, financially, emotionally, or good relationships, etc.). A blessing makes the life of the other more enjoyable, useful, and profitable (Gen. 39:2, 21; Prov. 8:21; 2 Cor. 1:3-5). (See various *Bless* prayers).

48 - Blinded-Prayer (James 4:2-3)

We sometimes ask for the wrong thing in prayer because we love the wrong things in life. We must be yielded to God, then ask God to change our hearts so He can give us the requests He wants us to have (Gen. 29:11, 30; Luke 15:12). (See *Blocked-Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer*, and various “No” *Answers to Prayer* prayers).

49 - Blind-Obedience Prayer (Pss. 42:9)

Sometimes we don't feel as if God is hearing us. “*Why* do You hide Your face from me?” (Pss. 88:14). Perhaps God is testing us to see if we will obey Him. “Why have You forgotten me?” (Pss. 42:9). When we can't see what God is doing, the problem is with us, not God. The greatest expression of love to God in your life is blind obedience. Sometimes God wants to see us demonstrate blind obedience to Him when we don't feel His presence (Job 30:26; Pss. 13:1, 22:1-2; Isa. 40:27, 49:15). (See *Abandonment-Prayer, Believing-Prayer, Faith-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer*).

50 - Blind-Prayer (John 11:22)

This is when you pray for an answer, and you don't know what you want, or what it is you seek, but you know God can do something. You know He will answer but you don't know how. “If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:23; John 11:22; Heb. 11:17-19). (See *Believing-Prayer, Blind Obedient-Prayer, Faith-Praying*).

51 - Blocked-Prayer (1 Peter 3:7)

Our prayers are blocked because of sin, and it has many results in our spiritual life (Job 42:8; Pss. 66:13; Isa. 59:1, 2; Matt. 5:23, 24; Mark 11:22-27; Eph. 4:20, 6:18; James 4:2,

3; 1 Peter 3:7). (See *Hindrances to Prayer, Perverted-Prayer*, and various “No” *Answers to Prayer*).

52 - Boldness Request in Prayer (2 Tim. 1:8)

Sometimes we let people intimidate us, or sometimes we just don't take an opportunity to speak for Christ. Therefore, we ask God to give us boldness to speak for Him (Isa. 51:7; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; Acts 5:41; Rom. 1:16; Eph. 3:13; 1 Peter 4:4). (See *Continual-Prayer, Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer*).

53 - Bondage-Breaking Prayer (Rom. 7:20)

Those who don't yield their lives to Jesus Christ are controlled by their old life or old nature. Whether they live an outward moral life or whether they suffer bondage to sin, they are controlled by their “self-life” or the lust of the flesh, the lust of their eyes, or the pride of life. The secret of victory is surrendering to Jesus Christ and the power He makes available to do His will; and to live above sin (Luke 4:18, 9:23; John 8:34-36; Rom. 7:20; 2 Cor. 2:14; Phil. 1:21, 4:13). (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Triumphant-Prayer, Victorious Results in Prayer, Victory Over Temptation-Prayer*, see various *Victory* prayers).

54 - Brinkmanship-Praying (Pss. 91:3-10)

There may come a time when God's man or God's work is almost overwhelmed and defeated. We pray to God in a time of crisis because there is no other solution or deliverance but from God Himself. An illustration of *Brinkmanship-Praying* is when Esther said, “Fast for me...so I will go to the king...and if I perish, I perish!” (Est. 4:16). Like Esther, we must not blink in the face of danger, nor back away from a fight when the reputation of God is at stake. (See *Death-Facing Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Desperate-Prayer, Emergency-Prayer*).

55 - Brokenness-Prayer (Joel 2:12)

When we are convicted of our sin and we express a broken spirit, tears represent disappointment or anguish. Some weep because of sin. “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning” (Joel 2:12). (Gen. 43:30; 2 Sam. 12:21; Pss. 126:6; Eccl. 3:4; Jer. 9:1; Lam. 1:16; John 11:31, 35; Rom. 12:15; James 4:9). (See *Affliction-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Suffering-Prayer*).

56 - Burden-Prayer (Rom. 10:1)

In response to a burden that God gives, we intercede for our lost relatives and friends. A burden is a prayer obligation that may represent a family obligation, a relationship obligation, or a supernatural obligation given by God (Exod. 32:10; 1 Sam. 12:23, 15:11, 35; 16:1; Jer. 17:16; 1 Cor. 9:20-22). (See *Evangelistic-Praying, Soul Winner's-Prayer*).

57 - Calamity-Praying (Hos. 5:15)

God uses natural disasters, human problems, and other types of catastrophes to turn people's attention and prayers toward Him. Remember, "all things work together for good to those who love God" (Rom. 8:28); therefore we should pray to see God's larger plan developing in our lives when calamity strikes (Gen. 42:1-5; Jer. 8:14; Hos. 5:15). (See *Desperate-Prayer, Emergency-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer*).

58 - Call-Prayer (Gen. 12:1; Gal. 1:15)

This involves two actions. First, we must be listening for the call of God on our life; and second, we must be willing to do or be what God calls us to do. Many don't hear God's call because their spiritual ears are blocked with sin. Others have heard God's call in the past, but didn't follow it, so God hasn't called them again. If God calls we must answer, "Here *am* I! Send me" (Isa. 6:8) (Gen. 12:1 ff.; Exod. 3:1-10; Jonah 1:1-9; Luke 3:2; Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2, 9; 1 Thess. 5:24; Heb. 5:4). (See *Worker's-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

59 - Care-Casting Prayer (1 Peter 5:7)

This is giving to God the concern of all our problems. God may want to solve the problem through us by giving us wisdom and telling us what to do. If we have yielded, consequences are left up to Him (1 Sam. 1:10; Isa. 30:6; Pss. 27:13, 14; 37:5, 55:22; Matt. 6:25-34; Phil 4:6; Heb. 13:5,6; 1 Peter 5:7). (See *Commitment-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer, Trusting-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

60 - Character of God-Prayer (1 Thess. 5:24)

Our prayers are to be based on God's nature and character (Mal. 3:6), not on our persistence, faith, or any other internal motive. You are asking God to answer because it is His nature to do what you ask (Gen. 18:23; 1 Thess. 5:24). (See *God-Glorification Worship, God-Pleasing Prayer, Jesus First-Prayer*).

61 - Child-Like-Praying (1 John 3:1)

We can approach God in a humble attitude because He is our Father, and we are His children (Jer. 3:19; Hosea 1:10; John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 3:26-29, 4:5-61; 1 John 3:1). (See *Basic-Praying, Definition of Prayer, Trusting-Prayer*).

62 - Children of Promise-Prayer (Gal. 3:28)

Believers claim the promises made by the Father because they are the children of the Father, and they can claim the promises that are applicable to them (Acts 3:25; Rom. 4:13, 9:8-9; Gal. 3:29, 4:28). (See *Blessing Children-Prayer, Family-Heritage Prayer, Father-Cry Prayer*).

63 - Choosing God's Core Values in Prayer (Heb. 11:25)

We should make our decisions in prayer based on God's values and plans for our lives. By faith we must see God's core values and pray according to what He wants to do (Job 36:21; Dan. 1:8; Matt. 4:18-20; Mark 2:14; Acts 9:6; Heb. 11:25). (See *Commitment-Prayer, Vow-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

64 - Christ's Indwelling-Prayer (Eph. 3:17)

As we realize that Christ indwells us, we can pray that His strength will empower us to overcome temptation and live for Him (John 14:23, 17:21; 2 Cor. 4:10-11, 13:3-5; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21, 4:13; 1 Thess. 5:10; Rev. 3:20). (See *Christ Formed in Us-Prayer*, and various *Jesus* prayers).

65 - Christ Formed in Us-Prayer (Gal. 4:19)

This is a continual prayer that Christ will take more control of our lives and that His presence will shine through us to the world (Rom. 8:29, 13:14; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 4:24; Phil. 2:5; Col. 1:27, 3:10). (See *Christ's Indwelling-Prayer, Crucifixion-Prayer, Transformation-Prayer*).

66 - Church Leadership-Prayer (1 Thess. 5:12-14)

We should intercede for our church leaders so that they may lead our local church effectively and so that we may grow in Christ and do more in Christian service (1 Thess. 5:12-14; 1 Tim. 5:17; Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-5). (See *Model Church-Prayer, Pastor-Prayer*).

67 - Church-Boss Rejection Prayer (3 John 9)

Instead of supporting and praying for a "church boss" who runs the church for his egoistical purposes, we must reject a leader who will not follow Jesus, the Shepherd of the Church (Matt. 20:20, 23:4, 8; Phil. 2:3-5; 1 Tim 6:3, 4; 1 Peter 5:4; 3 John 9). (See *Church Leadership-Prayer, Pastor-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

68 - Church-Multiplication Prayer (Acts 19:10)

Both Christians and churches should follow the "reproducing" principle found in Genesis 1:12. The life in a seed produces a plant with seeds that will continue the reproduction cycle. A church with the life-transforming message should produce another church, just like the original seed (Gen. 1:12, 8:22, 12:2-3, 22:18; Pss. 126:6; Matt. 13:8, 28:19-20; Acts 19:10; 2 Tim. 2:2). (See *Dream Motivated-Prayer, Evangelistic-Praying, Soul-Winner's Prayer, Vision-Praying*).

69 - Church-Praying (Matt. 16:18)

Jesus announced, “I will build My church,” suggesting five strengths: (a) He was the church planter and building; (b) it would be planted in the future, that is, after His death; (c) the word “build” was continual, meaning He is building His church today; (d) the word “My” means the “church” belongs to Jesus, not the pastor, board, or congregation; and (e) the word church is *ecclesia* which means to gather out, so Christ will be continually gathering His people out of the world (Acts 2:47, 8:1; Eph. 3:10, 5:25-28; Col. 1:18; 1 Tim. 3:5; Rev. 2:1 ff.). (See *Dream Motivated-Prayer, Evangelistic-Praying, Soul-Winner’s Prayer*).

70 - Circumstantial-Prayer (Rom. 8:28)

When we pray, we ask God to work through circumstances to give us the answers we desire. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God” (Rom 8:28) (Gen. 50:20; Deut. 8:2-16; Pss. 46:1-2; Zech. 13:9; 2 Cor. 4:15-18; Phil. 1:19). (*Guidance-Prayer, Will of God-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

71 - Clean-Conscience Prayer (Heb. 10:22)

We come to God with a clean conscience (we never have a perfect life free from sin) because we have confessed our sin, and we are seeking to live by God’s standards. When we know there is nothing between God and us, we can pray with honesty and sincerity. “Now we know that God does not hear sinners” (John 9:31). We come to God because of what Christ has done for us in His death, burial, and resurrection. We can have a clear conscience when we have claimed all the forgiveness Christ has provided for us (Acts 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:5, 19; Heb. 10:22; 1 Peter 3:12, 16). (See *Blocked-Prayer, Confessing-Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer*).

72 - Come to Jesus-Prayer (Rev. 22:17)

Our intercession for unsaved people to come to salvation is based on God’s invitation for all to come to salvation. Jesus died for all (John 1:29); and He invited people to “Come to Me” (Matt. 11:28). The Holy Spirit and Jesus gave these words of invitation: “Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires let him take the water of life freely” (Rev. 22:17). (See *Evangelistic-Prayer, Soul-Winner’s Prayer*).

73 - Comfortable Place to Pray (John 18:2)

A comfortable place to pray is where (1) prayer comes easy; (2) our memory motivates us to prayer; (3) it has present meaning; and (4) it is a place that guarantees future success because we successfully prayed there in the past (Gen. 2:15-3:23; 1 Kings 15:13; Luke 21:37 ff.). (See *Geographical-Prayer, Geographical-Renewed Prayer*).

74 - Coming-Kingdom Prayer (Pss. 67; Matt. 6:9)

When we pray, “Your kingdom come,” there is a semi-conclusion attached to this request that directs its answer. We pray, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven” (Matt. 6:10). There are two ways God answers this request. First, we are seeking the future coming millennial kingdom of 1,000 years on earth. Second, we are asking for God’s kingdom to rule on earth this day, as His kingdom is presently ruling in heaven (Isa. 2:4; Dan. 2:44; Matt. 4:17; Rev. 20:4). (See *Anticipating His Return, Government Leaders-Intercession*).

75 - Commitment-Prayer (Pss. 37:5)

In the prayer of commitment you surrender to God the things about which you are praying. The act of commitment is an issue of simple trust. Until you commit the answer to God, you may never see how deep its hooks have on your life. Everything in prayer comes down to simple faith, so we dedicate ourselves unreservedly to the answers for which we are praying (Pss. 22:8, 55:22; Matt. 6:25; Luke 12:22-30; Phil. 4:6-7; James 4:13-15; 1 Peter 5:7). (See *Choosing God’s Core Values in Prayer, Trusting-Prayer, Vow-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

76 - Common-Sense Praying (Gen. 24:12-14)

We need to ask God to use our human initiative, skills, and hard work to help bring about the answer we seek from Him. This is not asking for a miracle or some other supernatural display from heaven (like angels) to do the work God has given to us. We ask God to bless and use us as we do the normal (common sense) things of life in communicating the gospel to lost people (Gen. 24:27; Neh. 1:11; Pss. 37:5; Prov. 3:5-6, 4:11, 18; 8:20; Rom. 8:28). (See *Problem-Solving Prayer*).

77 - Communion-Prayer (Phil. 3:8-10)

Prayer is basically a relationship with God, so in communion prayer we spend time fellowshiping with God. During this time we are seeking to experience God, meditating on God, or bowing before Him in speechless adoration. (See *Fellowship-Praying, Intimacy-Prayer, Meditation-Prayer, Oneness-Prayer*).

78 - Compliment-Blessing Prayer (Luke 6:31)

When you give a person a compliment and pray for him, God may use you to bless the recipient with stronger self-esteem (see Luke 6:31; 2 Cor. 1:3-5). (See various *Bless* prayers).

79 - Conditional-Prayer Promise (2 Chron. 7:14)

God does not answer when we quote in prayer a promise, if we don’t meet the conditions of that promise. Usually we get frustrated when we unsuccessfully quote a prayer promise

and God doesn't answer. As a result, we question God's promise, or we question God's ability to answer. Usually the problem lies in our interpretation of these *seemingly* unconditional promises of the Bible. What may seem to be an *unconditioned* prayer promise in one verse may actually have some other conditions in other places in the Bible. Usually our motives behind our requests are suspect; we're not being sincere with God and are not asking in faith. God doesn't answer because He knows our heart. Sincerity alone is not enough; our prayers must also be tempered by biblical truth (Pss. 66:18, 81:8; Matt. 7:7-11; Mark 9:23; Luke 9:23; John 13:17, 14:13-14, 15:7). (See *Conditional-Praying, Fleece-Praying*).

80 - Conditional-Praying (Matt. 8:2)

Many times we pray conditionally because we are human; that is, (a) we don't know everything in Scripture that tells us how to pray and what to pray; (b) we are limited in our understanding; (c) we don't live perfect lives; and (d) we don't fully understand the perfect will of God in all things. (See *Conditional-Prayer Promise, Fleece-Praying, Yielding-Prayer*).

81 - Confession-Prayer (1 John 1:9)

We pray to acknowledge our sin(s) by (1) confessing them; (2) repenting of them; and (3) asking God to forgive us. Then we must determine to live above those temptations (2 Chron. 6:37-38, 7:14; Pss. 32:5, 51:2 ff.; Prov. 28:13; Dan. 9:4; Titus 2:14). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Propitiation-Intercession Prayer, Restorative-Prayer*).

82 - Confident-Praying (1 John 5:13)

We can pray with great confidence because of biblical proofs that assure us that we are God's children. Because of confidence we can pray with greater faith and get answers to our prayers (Rom. 8:14-17; 2 Cor. 5:1; Gal. 4:6; 2 Peter 1:10-11; 1 John 5:13). (See *Faith-Based Praying, Faith-Eyes Praying*).

83 - Confident-Praying in God's Presence (Heb. 13:5)

We can approach God confidently, knowing He will not leave us nor forsake us. We can pray confidently because of His presence with us (Gen. 28:15; Deut. 31:6, 8; Josh. 1:5; Pss. 37:25; Isa. 41:10, 17; Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5). (See *Assurance-Praying, Confident-Praying, Faith-Based Praying*).

84 - Confronting-Evil Prayer (Eph. 6:10 ff.)

This is almost spiritual warfare prayer because we are building a wall of protection against overwhelming temptations and trials that come from demons and satan himself. We are not just requesting God to do something positive for us, we are confronting evil that

would hinder our prayers and destroy our walk with God (Josh. 1:6-9; 1 Chron. 28:10-20; Pss. 138:3; Isa. 40:28-31; Hag. 2:4; Zech. 8:9-13; Eph. 1:19, 3:16, 6:10; 1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:1 ff.; 1 Peter 5:10). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Hedge-Protection Prayer, Protection-Prayer, Warfare-Protection Prayer*).

85 - Consensus-Prayer (Acts 15:18)

How do we pray about things or issues that are disagreeable among the brethren? The early church was divided on the matter of whether circumcision should be required for salvation. (1) They examined Scripture; (2) they listened to the opinion of those they trusted; (3) they examined the experiences of what God was doing; and (4) they trusted God in areas they didn't understand. "Known to God from eternity are all His works" (Acts 15:18) (Gen. 21:22-34). (See *Agree-Prayer, Agreement-Prayer*).

86 - Contentment-Prayer (Phil. 1:20)

We should ask God to give us an attitude of calm tranquility. However, contentment is a by-product of Christ controlling our life and attitudes. When you pray for contentment, go deeper. Yield your life and decisions to Christ and let Him control every part of your life. Learn to say with Paul, "For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain" (Phil. 1:21). To have contentment, you must have Christ (Phil. 4:11, 13; 1 Tim 6:6; Heb. 13:5). (See *Peaceful Living-Prayer*, and various *Jesus* prayers).

87 - Continual-Prayer (1 Thess. 3:10)

The Greek words "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) do not mean "without stopping"; rather they mean "intermittently." We are to pray intermittently according to our needs, as a baby cries according to its needs. Automatic windshield wipers turn on automatically to clear the windshield at a pace equal to the amount of rain. In the same way we are to pray *intermittently according to the amount of problems we face*. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16-18). (See *Alert-Prayer, All-Time Prayer, Asking-Prayer, Continue in Prayer, Intermittent-Prayer, Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer*).

88 - Continue in Prayer (Luke 11:8-10)

Some of our prayers are answered immediately because of our faith or boldness. Other times we remain in God's presence to "continue in prayer." However, we don't change God's mind with the amount of time we pray as though we are "begging" or trying to "twist God's arm." Before our prayers can change things, our prayers must change us. We are conformed into God's image as we continue in prayer. (See *Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer, Wait-Prayer, Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

89 - Convergence-Faith Praying (1 Cor. 13:2)

Convergence is described by two interstate highways meeting in an interchange so that traffic from different directions converges together. *Convergence Faith* happens when our faith converges with our spiritual gift and calling from God. Not everyone can exercise faith to get results in teaching if that person doesn't have the spiritual gift of teaching. Or to put it in the positive, the one with the spiritual gift of teaching can have greater faith and be more effective in relationship to teaching. In my lifetime, I've seen Jerry Falwell exercise faith to build over 100 buildings on Liberty University's campus. I've seen Billy Graham, the evangelist, exercise faith to see millions accept Christ in his crusades. I've seen Yonggi Cho, Korean church planter and pastor, exercise faith to build the largest local church in church history. Therefore, each person will be most effective in praying when his/her requests are directed in accord with their spiritual gift and calling by God (Matt. 17:20, 21:21; Mark 11:22-24; Luke 17:5-6; 1 Cor. 12:9). (See *Faith-Based Praying, Faith-Eyes Praying, Faith-Praying, Faith-Validated Prayer*).

90 - Correcting Others-Prayer (Titus 1:13)

This is a prayer we use when solving a problem. We should pray for the one we are correcting, and for our attitude, for the problem to be solved, and for God to be glorified (Prov. 27:5; 2 Cor. 13:10; 1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:13, 2:15). (See *Correction-Response Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer*).

91 - Correction-Response Prayer (Heb. 10:9, 10)

This should be our response when God punishes us because of our sin. We never like correction, but it's good for us because God wants to make us to be holy like Him (Exod. 20:12; Deut. 21:18; Prov. 15:10, 19:18, 30:17; Eph. 6:1, 4; Heb. 10:9-10, 12:5-11). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer*).

92 - Covenant-Fulfilling Prayer (Pss. 55:22)

When God makes a covenant with His people, we must accept our responsibility to fulfill our part of the covenant (if it is a conditional covenant). (See *Commitment-Prayer, Vow-Prayer*).

93 - Creation-Inspired Worship (Pss. 19:1, 2)

We worship God for the wonderful universe He created, and for the evidences of His sustaining power in His universe. We are careful not to worship the creation, but God, the Creator who is vastly superior to His creation. We worship God for His power, wisdom, and artistic beauty that created the universe. Since the creation extends far beyond our comprehension, so our worship of God the Creator must go far beyond our human

limitation (Deut. 32:4; 1 Chron. 16:28-29; Job. 36:3; Pss. 19:1-2, 29:1-2, 68:34, 96:7-8; Rev. 4:11). (See *Creation-Inspired Worship, Recognizing God's Creative Power-Prayer*).

94 - Crown of Righteousness-Prayer (2 Tim. 4:8)

If we receive the crown of righteousness when we arrive in heaven, we should be grateful. We should cast our crown at the feet of Christ. This crown is called the martyr's crown because it's given to those who sacrifice their lives in death for Christ (1 Cor. 9:25; 2 Tim. 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; Rev. 2:10, 3:11). (See *Crown-Casting Worship*).

95 - Crown-Casting Worship (Rev. 4:10)

We do not deserve any reward (that is, crowns). It is the indwelling Christ who motivates us to service, and who empowers our service. We stand before God in the righteousness of Christ, so we give all praise back to Him by casting our crowns at His feet. This is our response to any recognition or reward given to us by God (2 Chron. 7:3; Pss. 95:6, 115:1; Matt. 4:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:10-11; Rev. 4:10). (See *Pleasant-Smelling Prayer, Redemptive-Worship, Worship-Prayer, Worship-Roar Prayer, Worthy-Worship Prayer*).

96 - Crucifixion-Prayer (Gal. 2:20)

When Paul states that he has been “crucified with Christ” (Gal. 2:20), he was not *initiating* the crucifixion but *receiving* it. The *Prayer of Crucifixion* is more about yielding ourselves to God, than it is aggressively trying to eliminate sin in our life. When we pray the *Prayer of Crucifixion*, we take up all that the cross symbolizes—humiliation, degradation, death—and identify with the pain and trials of Christ. We “lose” our lives by giving up our earthly desires in order to pursue what Jesus wants for us. We become completely yielded, completely abandoned, and completely transparent before God. It means completely surrendering ourselves to God and allowing Jesus to act within us—by allowing Christ to “live out” His role in our lives. We die to our self-desires and find a greater spiritual energy in Christ. We die to our self-ambition and find a greater reason to live for Christ. But more likely, the *Prayer of Crucifixion* will occur in smaller ways as we daily and intentionally give up our life bit by bit to God. “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Gal. 6:14). (Luke 9:23, 27; Rom. 6:4-6; Gal. 2:19, 20, 5:24, 6:14; Eph. 3:16; Col. 1:28, 2:11-14). (See *Christ Formed in Us-Prayer, Old-Nature Praying, Transforming-Prayer* and various *Victory* prayers).

97 - Daily-Prayer (Acts 2:42)

The early church prayed daily and probably in many different ways, that is, in private, in groups, with family members, and in church. We should follow the Lord's exhortation that “men ought always to pray” (Luke 18:1). (1 Sam. 12:23; Isa. 55:1; Matt. 6:9, 7:7,

14:23; Acts 2:42, 10:9, 16:25; Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 2:1). (See *All-Time Prayer, Continue in Prayer, First Prayer Each Day, Intermittent-Prayer, Lord's-Prayer, Morning-Prayer, Persistent-Prayer*).

98 - Daniel Fast and Prayer (Dan. 1:8)

The “Daniel fast” is for health and healing. “Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank” (Dan. 1:8). Therefore, Daniel requested, “Let them give us pulse [vegetables] to eat, and water to drink” (Dan. 1:12). At the end of the days, King Nebuchadnezzar examined and found, “None like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah” (Dan. 1:19). A Daniel fast is a partial fast for health and healing. We commit ourselves to God’s healing/health and will fast and pray for it (Exod. 15:26, 23:25; 2 Kings 20:5; Job 5:18; Pss. 41:3, 4; 103:3; Jer. 8:22, 33:6; James 5:15). (See *Healing-Prayer*).

99 - Death-Facing-Prayer (Pss. 88:3)

There will be times when we face death. Remember however, God’s servant is invincible until God is finished with him on this earth. Therefore we should pray for deliverance when facing death, all the while remembering it may be God’s time to bring us home (Pss. 22:11, 14, 21; 23:4, 88:3; Acts 26:31; 2 Cor. 1:9, 10; Phil. 1:20). (See *Death-Prayer, Desperate-Prayer, Dying-Prayer, Emergency-Prayer*).

100 - Death-Prayer (Rev. 9:6)

Some people are in such pain that they pray to die. The picture in Revelation 9 is of God’s wrath poured out in punishment, but those who pray to die will not escape death. On the other hand, some are in such physical pain that they ask God to take them home (2 Sam. 1:9; Job 3:20, 22; 7:15-16; Jonah 4:8-9; Luke 23:30; Rev. 6:16, 9:6, 13-21). (See *Death-Facing Prayer, Desperate-Prayer, Dying-Prayer, Emergency-Prayer*).

101 - Deceitful-Heart Prayer (James 4:3)

Sometimes we sincerely ask God for something in prayer, not realizing we are motivated by our deceitful hearts. James calls this, “You ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures” (Jer. 17:9; James 4:2, 3). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Guilt-Motivation Praying, Old-Nature Praying*).

102 - Dedication of Money-Prayer (Acts 2:44-45)

We should commit all our wealth and belongings to God and then ask Him to use our money for His glory (Luke 9:23; Acts 2:44-45, 4:34-35, 5:1-6; 1 Tim. 6:6-12). (See *Money-Prayer*).

103 - Dedication-Prayer (Mark 10:16)

This is asking God for His natural and supernatural prosperity or His success on a venture, or a project, or an event, or program (Josh. 1:7-9, 21:43-45; Pss. 37:4; Mark 10:16). (See *Laziness-Corrective Prayer, Servanthood-Prayer, Worker's-Prayer*).

104 - Defenseless Cry for Help-Prayer (Pss. 109:31)

This is a prayer for help by those who can't protect themselves. God has promised to help those who cry to Him in their hour of need (Pss. 91:2-12, 109:31). (See *Abandonment Prayer, Affliction-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Suffering-Prayer*).

105 - Defensive-Warfare Prayer (1 John 4:4)

We can pray defensively against evil that is attacking us. Or we can ask God to put a "hedge" around us to defend us against the attacks of satan. "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (Job 1:10; Eph. 6:10-18; 1 John 4:4). (See *Affliction-Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Suffering-Prayer, Warfare-Prayer, Warfare-Protection Prayer*).

106 - Definition of Prayer (Heb. 11:6)

Prayer is communication with God; it is a relationship between you and your God. (See *All-Kinds of Prayer, Basic-Praying, Believing Prayer, Definition of Prayer*).

107 - Delayed Answer-Prayer (Isa. 30:18)

Sometimes God waits for a period of time before answering our requests. "Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you" (Isa. 30:18). "Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!" (Pss. 27:14). (See *Directional Answer-Prayer, Reluctant Answers to Prayer, Wait-Prayer, Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

108 - Delayed-Justice Recognition Prayer (Pss. 94:23)

Physical consequences come when a law is broken. So evil people will be judged according to their sin. God delays spiritual judgment until the end of the world. That way, all sins will be faced, as well as all the consequences of all sin. (If a man commits rape or adultery and a child is born who becomes a vile sinner—or produces several more generations of sinners—that original sin, plus its consequences, must be judged by God.) However, Christ died to take away all sin of His children. But God delays judgment to give unsaved people opportunity to repent and be converted (Pss. 7:16, 55:23, 64:8, 94:13, 23; Prov. 2:22, 5:22; 1 John 1:7-10). (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Directional Answer-Prayer, Reluctant Answers to Prayer, Wait-Prayer, and various Victory prayers*).

109 - Deliverance-Prayer (Pss. 34:6)

Sometimes we need to ask God to give us victory over sin or unwanted practices in our life. “This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles” (Pss. 34:6). (See *Triumphant-Prayer, Victorious Results in Prayer, Victory Over Temptation Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

110 - Deliverance-Thanksgiving Prayer (Pss. 18:6)

There are many kinds of deliverance: spiritual, emotional, social, financial, and physical. There are many degrees of deliverance: from habits, from addictions, from unknown dangers, from bad influences, or wrong friends, etc. There are many ways God delivers: by Scripture, by counsel, by sermons, by reading material, by prayers of others, by meditation, and by our own intercession. We should be thankful, no matter how we are delivered (Pss. 18:6, 106:47, 148:14; Rom. 8:37; 1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14, 8:16, 9:15; Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 3:9). (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Victory-Prayer, Vindication-Praise Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

111 - Desert-Praying (Mark 1:12)

Sometimes we seek “desert experiences” to get away from the clamor of the world so we can experience God’s presence and closeness. Other times our “desert experience” is dry, lonely, and threatening. These “desert experiences” are like times when we are tempted by the world, the flesh, and the devil. God will help us in these experiences (Exod. 3:1; 1 Kings 19:4; Pss. 28:4, 106:14; Isa. 35:5-6, 43:19-20; Mark 6:31). (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Persecution-Prayer, Suffering-Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

112 - Desperate-Prayer (Matt. 14:30)

Sometimes we encounter situations in which the threat is so immediate and overwhelming that all we can do is cry out to God in desperation. When Peter was sinking under the waves in a storm, he cried, “Lord, save me!” (Matt. 14:30). We pray desperately when we face danger or an emergency. “This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles” (Pss. 13:2-3, 34:6). (See *Calamity-Praying, Emergency-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer*).

113 - Devil Worship-Prayer (Rev. 13:4)

Satan is a counterfeit god who sets himself up as deity and wants to be worshiped (Matt. 4:9). During the Tribulation he will influence people to worship the antichrist (Dan. 11:36-37; 1 Cor. 10:20; 2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:4). (See *Devil-Defensive Prayer, False-Prayer*).

114 - Devil-Defensive Prayer (1 Peter 5:8)

In this prayer we ask for protection against satan, or we ask for wisdom to thwart his attacks, or for strength to protect ourselves in battle. This is asking for a “hedge” of protection when we are not aware of sin’s attacks, or when we are unaware of the devil’s activities (Job 1:10; Luke 4:3 ff.; Eph. 4:27; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Devil-Defensive Prayer, False-Prayer, Triumphant-Prayer, Victorious-Results in Prayer*).

115 - Difference-Making Prayer (Jude 22)

This is a prayer that God will protect our friends from heresy and evil so that they may grow in Christ and serve God wholeheartedly. When we pray effectively, we show compassion on them (1 Cor. 4:14-16; Gal. 4:19; 1 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4; Jude 22). (See *Disentanglement-Prayer, Intercessor’s-Prayer, Intercessory-Prayer for Jews*).

116 - Difficulties-Prayer (Pss. 40:2)

This is a prayer to pray in times of trouble, problems, or discouragement. When we get into difficulties (not necessarily sin), God wants us to call on Him for deliverance from them (Job 5:7, 14:1; Pss. 40:2, 107:6, 138:7). (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer, Protection-Prayer*).

117 - Diligent-Person’s Prayer (Prov. 4:23)

Diligence is an attitude of both the righteous and wise man. Those who think right—the wise—will eventually do right. A diligent man will give attention to his business and will not squander his life. He is steady, dependable, and brings energy to the things he does. As a result of being diligent, he will become prosperous. This person can acquire the good attitude of diligence from good role models, and/or by constantly doing the right things that give good results. “Do you see a man *who* excels in his work? He will stand before kings” (Prov. 22:29). Ultimately the diligent person rises to the top and may be given a leadership role in his place of work. “The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy *man* will be put to forced labor” (Prov. 12:24). (Prov. 4:23, 10:4, 12:27, 13:4, 22:29, 27:23). (See *All Kinds of Prayer, Laziness-Corrective Prayer, Servanthood-Prayer, Worker’s-Prayer*).

118 - Directional Answer-Prayer (1 Kings 17:9)

God answers our request by directing us what to do. God does not always give us answers, nor does He always do something for us; but He may show us what to do. “Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you” (1 Kings 17:9). (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Wait-Prayer, Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

119 - Disciple Fast and Prayer (Matt. 17:21)

The *Disciple Fast and Prayer* is “to loose the bands of wickedness” (Isa. 58:6). It can free us and others from sin. Jesus cast out a demon from a boy whom the disciples had failed to help. Jesus told them, “However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting” (Matt. 17:21). The implication is that Jesus’ disciples could have performed this exorcism had they been willing to undergo the discipline of fasting. (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Sin-Stomping Prayer, Supernatural-Praying*, and various *Victory prayers*).

120 - Disciplined-Prayer (Luke 11:1)

When we ask God to help us do the right thing in the right way, we become disciplined in prayer. We pray for God to help us establish a habitual pattern of positive actions. (See *Race-Preparation Prayer, Self-Control Prayer, Self-Discipline Prayer*).

121 - Disentanglement-Prayer (2 Peter 2:20)

This is intercession for those who are entangled in false teaching, and is a prayer to keep us from being so entangled (Num. 24:20; Judges 4-7; Matt. 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26; Heb. 6:4 ff., 10:26, 27; 2 Peter 2:20). (See *Difference-Making Prayer, Doctrinal-Prayer, Establishing Doctrine by Prayer*).

122 - Distraction to Prayer (Exod. 17:11)

Spiritual warfare often begins as an internal distraction while we are praying. When we feel a distraction, or an evil temptation, we should claim the supernatural power of Christ as we wrestle against the problem. Spiritual warfare demands we focus all our mental energy on what we are praying. We can ask God to help us. We can read Scripture out loud. We can pray out loud. We can write out our prayers. Since life is a journey, we will be continually in warfare prayer, and will never quit struggling against distractions until we are in heaven. “And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed” (Exod. 17:11). (See *Affliction-Prayer, Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Disciplined-Prayer, Victorious Results in Prayer*).

123 - Diversionary-Answer to Prayer (Mark 10:38)

Sometimes God answers our prayer differently from the thing for which we ask. God points us away from the request for which we pray and gives us a diversionary answer. Sometimes it is true, “You do not know what you ask” (Mark 10:38). (See *Directional Answer-Prayer, Delayed Answer-Prayer, Wait-Prayer, Waiting-Anxiously in Prayer*).

124 - Divine-Presence Answer to Prayer (Gen. 32:30)

Whether or not our request is valid, or whether God will answer us, God sometimes reveals Himself to the one praying. Sometimes this is called the “atmospheric presence” of God; others call it the “manifest presence” of God because He manifests Himself to His children. This is when we feel His presence with us. As an illustration, sometimes we feel rain, even when it is not raining. “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved” (Gen. 32:30). (See *Atmospheric-Worship, God-Pleasing Prayer, Presence of God Prayer*).

125 - Divine-Purity Praying (2 Peter 1:3)

This is asking for a supernatural ability to live a godly life. God’s power is not available to fulfill our dreams of riches, luxury, or other selfish endeavors, God’s power is for godliness (Pss. 12:1; 2 Tim. 3:12; Titus 2:12; Heb. 12:28; 2 Peter 1:3). (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer, Confession-Prayer, Forgiveness-Prayer*).

126 - Doctrinal-Prayer (1 Tim. 3:15-16)

Ask God to help you believe and understand the essential doctrines of Christianity and to keep you from drifting from the fundamentals of the faith (Matt. 16:18, 19; Acts 14:15; 2 Cor. 3:6; Gal. 2:9; 1 Thess. 1:4; 1 Tim. 3:15-16; Heb. 3:12). (See *Difference-Making Prayer, Disentanglement-Prayer, Faith-Praying, Spiritual-Stability Praying*).

127 - Doubting-Prayer (Gen. 22:7)

Doubting the nature or ability of God is a sin against His character. However, there is a natural human doubt that comes from circumstances, such as Isaac who asked, “Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” (Gen. 22:7). At that moment God provided Himself—Jehovah-Jireh—a ram caught in the thicket for a sacrifice. (See *Confident-Prayer, Directional Answer-Prayer, Faith-Praying, Victory Over Doubt Prayer*).

128 - Dream-Motivated Prayer (Hab. 2:2-4)

A dream may be (1) our recessive memory while we sleep; or (2) a supernatural message God gives usually through sleep; or (3) a special task or project one wants to do for God and the kingdom, as in the word *vision*. *Dream-Motivated Prayer* deals with point 3, that is, praying for a dream or vision that God has put in your heart. This involves yielding to carry out the dream/vision, asking God to help you accomplish the dream/vision, and preparing yourself spiritually to do what God has told you to do (Gen. 37:5, 9; 1 Sam. 3:1; Prov. 29:18; Hab. 2:1-4; Matt. 9:36 ff.; Rom. 10:13 ff.). (See *Mountain-Moving Prayer, Supernatural-Praying, Vision-Praying*).

129 - Dream-Rejection Prayer (Gen. 37:5, 9)

Some experience rejection or hatred because of the dream/vision they have of serving God. Yet, we must be true to the task God has given us, even when the world hates us. We must pray for strength to carry out our dream/vision even in face of animosity (Gen. 37:5, 37:9; Pss. 38:19, 69:4; John 15:18-19; 1 John 2:11, 3:10-11). (See *Dream-Motivated Prayer, Pain-Praying, Suffering Prayer*).

130 - Dying-Prayer (Acts 7:59)

Each believer must travel through “the valley of the shadow of death” to reach heaven. Stephen gave us an example of one who commended himself to God in prayer as he took that journey (Pss. 16:10, 23:4; Luke 16:22; Acts 7:59; 2 Cor. 5:8; Heb. 12:1-2; Rev. 7:9 ff., 14:13). (See *Death-Facing Prayer, Death-Prayer*).

131 - Effective-Prayer (Phil. 4:6-7)

When we meet the conditions of prayer, we get the answers we seek. (See *Basic-Praying, Believing-Prayer, Conditional-Praying, Conditional-Prayer Promises, Trusting-Prayer*).

132 - Elijah Fast and Prayer (1 King 19:4-16)

The Elijah fast is a spiritual discipline that helps break negative mental and emotional habits that control our lives. Praying while following the Elijah fast will build self-discipline so that the person can control his or her life. During the Elijah fast, the power of God should control the whole person, spirit, soul, and body (see 1 Thess. 5:23). “So he (Elijah) arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God” (1 Kings 19:8). (See *Abandonment-Prayer, Forgetting the Past-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer*).

133 - Emergency-Prayer (Pss. 91:3-4)

Sometimes we call on God in an emergency or when we are in desperate trouble (Deut. 22:4; 2 Chron. 14:11, 20:4; Pss. 3:6, 20:2, 27:9, 33:20, 119:173, 121:1-2; Isa. 50:7; Acts 16:9; Heb. 4:16, 13:6). (See *Desperate-Prayer, Death-Facing Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer*).

134 - Employment-Prayer (Col. 3:17, 23)

We can ask God to use our secular job or employment (1) to take care of our financial needs; (2) to enable us to do a good job; and (3) to benefit those for whom we work. This is praying for strength and discipline, which is opposite of a lazy attitude. This also involves a prayer for God to be glorified in our employment (2 Thess. 3:11-12; 1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Peter 4:15). (See *Laziness-Corrective Prayer, Worker's-Prayer*).

135 - End-Times Prayer (Rev. 22:20)

This prayer recognizes that God has a grand plan for mankind that includes His people the Jews, the return of the Messiah, judgment of unsaved mankind, and the abode of the wicked in hell and the abode of God's people in heaven. This prayer also recognizes God's personal plan for each of His children as they prepare for Christ's return (Gen. 49:1; Deut. 4:30, 31:29; Dan. 2:28-29, 10:14; Acts 2:17; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:1). (See *Anticipating His Return, Coming-Kingdom Prayer, End-Times Understanding-Prayer, Waiting for Christ's Return-Prayer*).

136 - End-Times Understanding Prayer (Rev. 17:9)

This is a prayer to understand the events that surround the end times and a commitment to study diligently and completely the verses that explain the end times (Deut. 12:4, 8, 10; Hosea 14:9; Matt. 13:11, 24:15; 2 Tim. 2:15; Rev. 17:9). (See *Anticipating His Return, Coming Kingdom-Prayer, End-Times Prayer, Waiting for Christ's Return-Prayer*).

137 - Endurance-Prayer (2 Thess. 3:5)

As we pray for the "the patience of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5) for ourselves and others, we are asking for endurance to continue in prayer until an answer comes from God (2 Thess. 3:5; 1 Peter 4:1). (See *All-Time Praying, Continuing in Prayer, Discipline-Prayer, Self-Control Prayer, Self-Discipline Prayer*).

138 - Endure-Hardship Prayer (2 Tim. 2:3)

We can pray this prayer when we face suffering and difficulties (1 Cor. 13:7; 2 Cor. 1:6; 2 Tim. 2:3, 4:5; Heb. 6:19, 20; 10:32, 11:27, 12:1-3; James 1:12). (See *Abandonment-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Suffering-Prayer*).

139 - Enemy-Strategy Praying (John 8:44)

The arguments between Jesus and the Jews were really battles between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Jesus knew the religious Jews were agents of satan, and He knew their strategy to defeat Him. Therefore we must study Scriptures to understand satan's strategy against us, then follow God's principles to live godly and serve God successfully (Gen. 3:15; Exod. 17:9-13; Isa. 14:12-15; Matt. 4:1 ff., 12:24; Luke 10:18; John 13:2; 1 Peter 5:2; Rev. 2:10). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Hedge-Protection Prayer, Protection-Prayer, Warfare-Strategy Prayer*).

140 - Ephesians' Church-Prayer (Rev. 2:4-6)

We should intercede for lukewarm Christians so they will remember the love they had for Christ when first saved and then pray for their repentance and their commitment to

return to their first love (Matt. 24:12-13; Phil. 1:9, 3:13-16; 1 Thess. 4:9-10; 2 Thess. 1:3; Heb. 6:4-10; James 2:2-5; Rev. 2:4-6). (See *Love-Abounding Prayer*, *Love-Growing Prayer*, *Love-Praying*).

141 - Escape-Prayer (Rev. 6:16-17)

This is the cry of unsaved people during the Tribulation to be relieved of torture for their sins. The wrath of the Tribulation is aimed at the unsaved and the physical world, while believers will be with Jesus in heaven. This is not a prayer for them, and this is not a prayer by God's people. This is a prayer by the unsaved left on earth after the rapture. (Pss. 76:7, 130:3-4; Isa. 13:6; Jer. 30:7; Joel 2:31; Zeph. 1:14; 2 Thess. 2:3 ff.; Rev. 6:16-17). (See *Coming-Kingdom Prayer*, *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Waiting for Christ's Return Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

142 - Escaping-Danger Prayer (Acts 12:5)

There are many options when Christians face danger: (1) they can be killed, as was James (Acts 12:1); (2) they can be punished, as were Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23); or (3) they can be supernaturally delivered (Acts 5:19, 12:7). Since only God controls the moment of our death, we should (1) commit our safety to God; (2) yield ourselves to God's will; and (3) be faithful till death (Pss. 91:1-13; Luke 9:23; John 15:18-25; Acts 9:15-16, 12:5; Phil. 1:29; James 1:3, 12; 1 Peter 4:12-19). (See *Deliverance-Prayer* and various *Victory* prayers).

143 - Establishing Doctrine by Prayer (Titus 1:5)

When facing false doctrine, we must pray for leaders to be firm, for correction for those who hold false doctrine, for teaching of correct doctrine, and that salvation will be correctly understood (Acts 14:23, 15:36; 2 Tim. 2:2; Titus 1:5). (See *Doctrinal-Prayer*, *Disentanglement-Prayer*, *Spiritual-Stability Prayer*).

144 - Esther Fast and Prayer (Est. 4:16)

The Esther fast and prayer is a spiritual discipline for protection from the evil one. When the Jews faced a holocaust, Esther said, "Fast for me...My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king...[and] *that* she found favor in his sight" (Est. 4:16; 5:2). We believe God loves us and can protect us, and that only God controls the day of our death. We enlist His protection in spiritual warfare against all opposing forces or the evil one who would attack and harm us (see 1 Peter 5:8). "Is this not the fast that I have chosen... The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard" (Isa. 58:6, 8). (See *Death-Facing Prayer*, *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Desperate-Prayer*, *Emergency-Prayer*, *Warfare-Protection Prayer*).

145 - Evangelistic-Praying (Acts 4:31)

When you show someone the plan of salvation, then you pray that the unsaved person will come to salvation (see Luke 6:28; Acts 4:20). (See *Redemption-Prayer, Soul-Winner's Prayer*).

146 - Everyman's-Prayer (Acts 16:13)

People from all religions pray, but that does not mean God listens or answers them. They pray because (1) there is a vacuum in their heart that needs God; (2) they face dangers or circumstances that are too big to handle by themselves; (3) it is natural for the human to pray to his Creator; (4) they pray out of fear; and (5) they face the termination of their life and death, and they want some type of continuation after death. Almost every atheist who denies God will pray when circumstances are threatening and they can do nothing to help themselves (Gen. 4:1-13, 20:17; 1 Kings 18:26; John 14:6; Acts 4:12, 16:13; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Tim. 2:5). (See *All Kinds of Faith-Praying, Hypocritical-Prayer, Unbelief-Hindrance to Prayer, Unpardonable-Sin Prayer*, and various "No" Answers to Prayer prayers).

147 - Exalt-Jesus Prayer (Phil. 2:11, 12)

Because the Father has raised Jesus from the dead and exalted Him above all principalities and power, we should exalt Jesus in our prayers and actions. We must magnify Jesus now daily in prayer because we will do it in eternity when we join every redeemed human and the angels in exalting Him (Phil. 2:11, 12). (See *Christ Formed in Us-Prayer, Worship Prayer, Worship-Jesus Prayer*).

148 - Expedient-Prayer (Est. 4:16)

An expedient-prayer is when we ask God to do something about a crisis that we've caused. When we pray to do the right thing, even though we don't feel like praying; we must do the expedient thing and pray. (See *Problem-Solving Prayer* and various *Victory* prayers).

149 - Ezra's Prayer and Fast for Guidance (Ezra 8:23)

The Ezra fast is a spiritual discipline that accompanies prayer when we ask God to solve a problem that faces us. After the 70 years of Babylonian captivity were over, Ezra attempted to lead a group of priests back to the Promised Land with expensive treasures to rebuild the temple. Ezra was afraid of being attacked and robbed on his way back home, "So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer" (Ezra 8:23). "The silver and the gold and the articles were weighed in the house of our God...with the number and weight of everything. All the weight was written down at that time" (8:33, 34). (See *Guidance-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

150 - Face-Down Worship Prayer (Rev. 11:16)

In complete surrender of our outer and inner person we worship God as we fall on our faces before Him. Worship is giving God the worth-ship that is due to Him (Exod. 3:6; 1 Kings 19:13, Job 42:5-6; Rev. 4:4, 10; 5:8, 14; 7:11, 11:16, 19:4). (See *Crown-Casting Prayer, Posture in Prayer, Worship-Praise, Worship-Prayer*).

151 - Faith-Based Praying (Gal. 3:10)

Faith-based praying is coming to the Father because our faith makes us His family members. We don't come based on our keeping the law, because we can never perfectly keep the law; but "the just shall live by faith" (Gal. 3:11). We live and pray by faith (Gal. 3:11; Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:38). (See *Believing-Prayer, Convergence Faith-Praying, Faith-Praying*).

152 - Faith-Blessing Prayer (Heb. 11:6)

This is trusting God to give blessings to someone for whom you pray. We experience the inner confidence of knowing God will answer (see Matt. 17:20; Heb. 11:6, 20). (See *Faith-Praying* and various *Blessing* prayers).

153 - Faith-Eyes Praying (Matt. 21:21)

Because of God's love and power, He allows us to see through a tiny crack of reality, so that we see with God's eyes. Life is more than money, position, and getting ahead. Faith-eyes see God transforming us, helping us, supporting us, and using us. Faith-eyes see in the mirror where we are "transformed into the same image from glory to glory" (2 Cor. 3:18), and faith-eyes see us in heaven casting our crowns at His feet in ultimate worship (Rom. 8:28, 29; 12:2, 13:14; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:10; 2 Peter 1:5-9). (See *Faith-Based Prayer, Faith-Blessing Prayer, Faith-Praying*).

154 - Faithfulness-Praying (1 Thess. 5:24)

We remain effective when we continue in prayer because the Lord works in us to motivate us to pray or continue praying. Jesus, our High Priest (Heb. 7:24-25), presents our prayers to the Father, and the Holy Spirit, our Intercessor (Rom. 8:26, 27) prays through us and presents our petitions to the Father for us (Zech. 12:10; Rom. 8:26, 27; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:24; Heb. 7:24, 25; Jude 20). (See *Alert-Prayer, All-Time Prayer, Intermittent-Prayer, Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer*).

155 - Faithful-Request Prayer (Heb. 3:2)

This is a prayer to be faithful to God in spite of our old nature that pulls us away from God and outward temptations to make us stumble. We should be faithful because of biblical

examples and because of God's call to us (1 Thess. 3:24), and the indwelling strength of Christ. Therefore we ask God to help us remain faithful (Matt. 25:21; John 15:10, 17:4; 1 Cor. 4:2; 1 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 3:2). (*All Types of Faith Prayer, Faith-Praying, Persistent Prayer*).

156 - Faith-Praying (Heb. 11:6)

Faith-Praying is interceding with the assurance that we will receive the things for which we ask. *Faith Praying* is intercession based on God Himself, causing us to believe we will receive our request because we meet the requirements mentioned in the Bible. Often this confidence emerges as a result of faith. "But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6; James 5:17). (See *Faith-Based Praying, Faith-Validated Prayer, Possibility-Praying*).

157 - Faith-Relationship Praying (Gal. 3:7)

We can come boldly to the Father because of our new family relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. Just as we were saved by faith, now we pray by faith knowing He will hear and answer us (Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 3:7; Eph. 3:6; Titus 3:7; Heb. 1:14, 6:17; James 2:5; 1 Peter 1:4). (See *Assurance-Praying, Confident-Prayer, Faith-Praying, Surety-Praying*).

158 - Faith-Validated Prayer (James 2:18)

We can ask God to open up doors of service and use us as we serve Him, because the quality of our service validates the quality of our faith. As we actively serve God, we pray for God to make our faith grow stronger (Matt. 7:17-20; Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:7; James 2:18). (See *Continuing Prayer, Confident-Praying, Faith-Praying, Persistent-Praying, Surety-Praying*).

159 - False-Prayer (Matt. 7:21-23)

This is not a reference to born-again believers who have their prayers blocked for various reasons. False prayers are offered by nonbelievers who may be a member of a cult or a non-Christian religion. The Father will receive all who come through Christ (John 6:37) and reject those who reject Christ (1 Kings 18; John 6:37, 14:4; Acts 4:12). (See *Everyman's-Prayer, Hypocritical-Prayer, Pretend-Prayer, Unbelief-Hindrance to Prayer, Unsaved-Prayer*, and various "No" Answers to Prayer prayers).

160 - Family-Heritage Prayer (Matt. 1:1-17)

We are the product of our parents, receiving from them their strengths and weaknesses, their assets and liabilities. We have several choices: (1) fight their influence; (2) learn and be like them (for evil or good); (3) reject their limitations and problems; (4) determine to do

better; or (5) stand on their shoulders and reach much higher (Gen. 4:1-5, 12:2-3, 25:19-23; Exod. 2:1-3; Pss. 127:1-5; Phil. 3:4-6; 2 Tim. 1:5, 3:14-15). (See *Aged-Prayer, Blessing Children-Prayer, Children of Promise-Prayer, Father's Cry-Prayer, Spouse-Inspired Prayer*).

161 - Fasting-Prayer (Matt. 6:16-19)

Fasting alone will not get answers from God. We must fast and pray. Jesus said, "This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting" (Matt. 17:21). There is more than one way to fast: (1) normal fast of water or juice but no solid foods; (2) the Absolute fast, no liquids or food; (3) the partial or Daniel fast, usually vegetables only; and (4) the supernatural fast, no water or food for 40 days, for example Moses (Exod. 34:28). However if a person doesn't drink for 7 days, they will normally die. If you think you're being led to do this fast, "Test the spirits" (1 John 4:1); you're probably wrong (Lev. 16:29; Isa. 58:6-8; Joel 2:12-14; Matt. 17:21; Acts 13:2, 3). (See *Esther Fast and Prayer, Daniel Fast and Prayer, Disciple Fast and Prayer, Elijah Fast and Prayer, Ezra Fast and Prayer, John the Baptizer Fast and Prayer, Saint Paul Fast and Prayer, Samuel Fast and Prayer, Widow Fast and Prayer*; also see the book *Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough*, by Elmer Towns (Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1996).

162 - Father-Cry Prayer (Gal. 4:5)

This is an expression of a new child of God when made a member of God's family. Now His children can call Him Father and he can intercede as a child to a loving Father. Because God is their Father, believers are entitled to all the blessings of being His child (Gal. 4:5, 3:26; John 1:12; Rom. 3:23, 8:14-17, 9:4; Eph. 1:5). (See *Fellowship with God Praying, Intimacy-Prayer*).

163 - Fear of God-Praying (Heb. 5:7)

We know God is all-powerful to accomplish His will and that He will judge those who rebel or sin against Him. Therefore we pray with fear, "Your will be done in our lives," knowing God will hear and accomplish that prayer (Prov. 3:5-6; Matt. 26:39, 42; John 12:27-28; Heb. 5:7). (See *Desperate Praying, Fear Praying, Frightful Praying, Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

164 - Fear-Motivated Prayer (Pss. 56:3)

We can ask for God's protection and for His presence to be with us when we are scared or fearful. (See *Fear of God-Praying, Fear-Praying, Frightful-Prayer, Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

165 - Fear-Praying (Rev. 14:7)

We come to God because of our negative feelings of (1) fear, because God could condemn us to hell; (2) reverential fear, because God is our King and the Ruler of all things; and

(3) awe, because we are overwhelmed by the greatness of His creative power and universe (Gen. 22:12; Pss. 36:1, 89:7; Eccl. 12:13-14; Rev. 14:7). (See *Anxious Praying, Desperate Praying, Fear Praying, Frightful Praying*).

166 - Fellowship-Praying (1 John 1:3)

This is talking with God as you walk in the light (1 John 1:7) and fellowshiping with God because all your sins are forgiven (1 John 1:8-10). This is the highest form of relationship prayer (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 1:9; Eph. 3:9; Phil. 1:5, 3:10; 1 John 1:3, 6-7). (See *Communion Prayer, Intimacy-Prayer, Jesus-Agreement Prayer, Oneness Prayer*).

167 - Filling of the Spirit-Prayer (Eph. 5:18)

When we yield everything to God and ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit, He comes into our lives and controls our lives. The more we yield to the Holy Spirit, the more He controls. The filling of the Spirit is not getting more of God, but allowing God to get more of us (Eph. 5:18). (See *Holy Spirit Praying, Promise of Spiritual Giftedness-Praying, Spiritual-Insight Prayer, Spiritual-Strength Prayer*).

168 - First Prayer Each Day (Luke 11:1-2)

Years ago I began praying the Lord's Prayer when I first awakened and before I got out of bed. That's because the Lord's Prayer contains in seed truths all we need to pray. So I pray this prayer first thing every day. "Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...'" (Luke 11:1). So He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven...'" (Luke 11:1-2). (See *Daily-Prayer, Lord's-Prayer, Morning Prayer*).

169 - Fleece-Prayer (Judg. 6:36-40)

Fleece-Prayer is putting conditions on our requests to God so that He answers by telling us what to do or where to go, e.g., "Lord, if You give me a car, I'll know You want me to go..." The servant of Abraham put a condition on finding the right girl for Isaac to marry (Gen. 24:12-14). Gideon prayed for a fleece of wool to be wet with dew overnight, and the floor dry. God answered. The next night Gideon prayed the opposite and God answered (Judg. 6:36-40). However today, many say a Christian should not use a symbolic fleece when praying because (1) we should find God's will in Scripture, not in circumstances; (2) using a fleece is going by sight, not faith (2 Cor. 5:7); and (3) many Christians say a fleece is like good luck or bad luck. A Christian should make a decision based on the Bible, not circumstances. (See *Circumstantial Prayer, Conditional-Prayer Promise, Problem-Solving Prayer, Will of God-Prayer*).

170 - Food-Provision Praise (Pss. 65:9-11)

God has created us with bodies that need food/fuel for energy to grow and work. Without the provision of sun, rain, and soil, our bodies wouldn't grow. So we must thank God for His provision of food for our health and strength. We must praise God for His plan for our physical life on earth (Gen. 1, 2:9; Pss. 65:9-11, 136:25; Prov. 6:8; Matt. 6:11; 1 Tim. 6:8). (See *Meal Thanksgiving, Blessing-Prayer, Provision of Food Praise, Strength and Nourishment-Prayer*).

171 - Fool-Defensive Prayer (Prov. 1:7)

The person called a fool is a cross between two types of contemporary people. First, the fool is dumb, which is like a person that is ignorant and does not know what to do, or how to do things, or why things are done right. Most dumb people can learn and become smart, but a fool probably won't learn. Second, the fool is selfish, wanting attention and physical comfort. He is selfish to the point of being obnoxious, but he is not willing to take the proper steps to properly get what he desperately wants in life. He is blind to his selfish addiction, and what keeps him from his life's goal. A fool may be a good person whom everyone likes, when in actuality people only tolerate him, or use him. They are fools because they fool themselves. We should pray to keep from being a fool, or being harmed by fools (Prov. 1:7, 10:14, 18; 12:16, 23; 13:19, 14:1, 8; 15:1-2, 17:16, 20:3, 26:4). (See *Worker's-Prayer*).

172 - Forgetting the Past-Prayer (Phil. 3:10-14)

In this prayer we ask God to erase from our memory any negative or sinful thought that would harm our present walk with Christ, not looking at any past accomplishments or successes as a substitute for our present walk with Christ. (See *Elijah Fast and Prayer, Forgiveness-Prayer, Future-Blessing Prayer, and various Victory prayers*).

173 - Forgiveness-Prayer (2 Cor. 2:10)

Forgiveness is the foundation of Christianity. We should forgive others because Christ has forgiven us. If not, we can fall into a "root" of bitterness (Heb. 12:15) that ruins our character. We must not get revenge (e.g., "an eye for an eye") but forgive them, even as Christ forgave those who crucified Him. Otherwise, we destroy our own character with a spirit of revenge or we harbor a grudge. We don't forgive them for their sake, we do it for our sake (Matt. 6:15, 18:21-22; Mark 11:25; Rom. 12:8, 17-21; 2 Cor. 2:7-10; Col. 3:13). (See *Forgiveness-Transformation Prayer, Propitiation-Intercession Prayer*).

174 - Forgiveness-Transformation Prayer (Luke 11:4)

When we forgive our offender for his offence, it means God transforms our heart. We no longer harbor vengeance, retaliation, or bitterness. Obviously this doesn't relate to our

salvation because “the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). But the basic rule of Christian growth is: give to get. We must scatter to gain, and we must die to live. So we must forgive to gain intimacy with God as a forgiven one. When we forgive, we no longer hide hatred in our heart, so we can now know God and draw near to Him (Gen. 50:17; Exod. 10:17; Josh 24:19; 1 Sam. 25:28; 2 Chron. 6:21; Matt. 6:12; Mark 11:25-26; 2 Cor. 2:10). (See *Christ Formed in Us-Prayer, Crucifixion-Prayer, Forgiveness-Prayer, Transformation-Prayer*).

175 - Forsaken-Prayer (Pss. 42:9)

When we've sinned or gotten out of the will of God, we feel forsaken or separated from God. God doesn't forsake us, He forsakes our sin and turns His back on our iniquities. The *Prayer of the Forsaken* includes repentance, confessing sin, asking for forgiveness and earnestly seeking God. We search for God in prayer when we think He is not hearing our petitions. (See *Abandonment Prayer, Affliction-Prayer, Suffering-Prayer*).

176 - Frailty-Confession Prayer (Pss. 90:12)

This is a prayer that recognizes that our life is tenuous and there is a delicate balance between living and dying (Deut. 32:29; Pss. 39:4; Eccl. 9:10; Eph. 5:16, 17). (See *Honest-Prayer, True-Heart Praying*).

177 - Freedom-Enjoyment Prayer (John 10:10)

Jesus has permitted us to enter salvation's door to have life more abundantly, but it doesn't come automatically. First, we must yield ourselves to God in prayer. Second, freedom comes from Christ as we learn about Him in Scripture (John 8:32). Third, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-38) (Pss. 16:11, 23:6, 30:5, 126:5, 6; Isa. 12:3; John 15:11; 1 Peter 4:13). (See various *Victory* prayers).

178 - Frightful-Prayer (Mark 14:36)

If Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father when facing danger, why should we do otherwise? We must go to the Lord when we are scared. He can heal, protect, guide, and save us. He can give us safety and provision and He can make us laugh (Gen. 17:17). “As a father pities *his* children, *so* the LORD pities those who fear Him” (Pss. 103:13). (Num. 11:12; Deut. 8:5; Pss. 103:13; Prov. 3:12; Isa. 63:15, 16; Matt. 6:9; Heb. 12:5, 11). (See *Abandonment Prayer, Affliction-Prayer, Fear Praying, Forsaken-Prayer*).

179 - Fruitful-Prayer (Matt. 13:8)

Jesus told the parable of the sower who planted seed on good soil that produced fruit. When we pray to be fruitful, notice the following conditions: (1) it takes human effort of planting; (2) we must work smart in the right place with the right tools; (3) we must use

the right seeds; (4) we must have the right motivation; and (5) we must be filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 8:15; John 15:8; Rom. 7:18; Gal. 5:22-23; Phil. 1:11). (See *Fruit-Producing Prayer, Reward-Prayer*).

180 - Fruit-Producing Prayer (Gal. 5:22-23)

This is asking God to produce more Christian character in our lives, and more fruit in our Christian service (Phil. 1:11). (See *Fruitful-Prayer, Reward-Prayer, Supernatural-Results Prayer*).

181 - Future-Blessing Prayer (Heb. 11:21)

Just as Jacob blessed his children, knowing God could use them after he died, so we must by faith bless our children, trusting God to give His blessings after we are gone (Gen. 48:5, 22; 47:31, 50:24-25; Josh. 24:32; Heb. 11:21). (See *Blessing a Person Prayer, Blessing Prayer, Delayed Answer-Prayer, Family-Heritage Prayer, Waiting for Christ's Return*).

182 - Geographical-Praying (Matt. 6:6)

There are some places where we seem to pray best, perhaps because we are in the habit of going there, or we are comfortable there, or it is the most convenient for our schedule. Perhaps the greatest reason is because we've met God at this place, or is where we've received great answers to prayer in the past. Jesus describes going to a "prayer closet" or "inner room" (modern translation). This place is usually private, quiet, and where we'll not be distracted (Pss. 87:1-3; Matt. 6:6; Luke 22:39). (See *Comfortable Place to Pray, Geographical-Renewal Praying, Prayer-Excursion Prayer, Prayer-Journey Prayer, Prayer-Walking*).

183 - Geographical-Renewal Praying (Pss. 121:1, 2)

Some locations have been imprinted on our hearts because of the spiritual lessons we experienced there. These may be places where we were (1) saved; (2) called to ministry; (3) got engaged; or (4) made a significant decision for Christ (Pss. 2:6, 68:15, 16; 78:68, 87:1; Jer. 3:23). (See *Comfortable Place to Pray, Geographical-Praying, Prayer-Journey, Prayer-Walking*).

184 - Gifts with Prayer (2 Cor. 9:7)

An unexpected gift makes the receiver happy and binds together the giver and receiver. Thus we pray for those receiving our gifts to look favorably on us. When giving presents, we should ask God to teach us how to bless people and be kind to them. (See various *Blessing* prayers).

185 - Giving Ourselves to God by Prayer (Rom. 12:1)

Recognizing that God has given us everything, we give ourselves back to Him. And with that dedication, we give the ownership of everything we have to God, realizing He allows

us to use what belongings we have for His glory. (See *Burden-Prayer, Commitment-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

186 - Goal-Striving Prayer (Phil. 3:10-14)

As we attempt to live daily for Jesus Christ, we should strive daily to know Him better, and to fulfill His plan in our life in a more perfect way (Phil. 3:10-14). (See *Fruitful-Prayer, Race-Preparation Prayer, Running Reward-Prayer, Running a Good Race Prayer*).

187 - God's Prosperity-Prayer (Gen. 39:2, 3, 21, 23)

God's prosperity on us follows our commitment to do right, and to seek His presence with us. Then God will prosper the task we do and the people for whom we work (Gen. 39:2, 3, 21, 23; Pss. 1:3, 47:7, 11; 91:15; Rom. 8:31). (See *Fruit-Producing Prayer, Fruitful-Prayer, Reward-Prayer*).

188 - God-Glorifying Prayer (Pss. 96:8)

When we give glory to God, we do not make Him greater, or more powerful, or more glorious. God cannot change; so when we glorify God, we make Him greater in our perception. Perhaps this is what Paul meant when he explained, "But we all...are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory" (2 Cor. 3:18). And if we truly recognize God, we give Him the control of our life. That is what God wants and He is glorified in our sacrifice (Exod. 34:5, 9; Pss. 96:8, 108:3, 5; 111:9, 148:13-14; Rev. 15:4). (See various *Worship* prayers, also see various *Praise* prayers).

189 - God-Haters' Prayer (Pss. 2:2, 3)

The unsaved refuse to live for God and obey Him. They express their refusal in many negative ways, and ultimately will not believe in God nor follow His ways. They want to control their own lives for their own purposes (Pss. 2:2, 3; Matt. 2:16; Luke 13:31; Acts 12:1). (See *Atheist-Prayer, Everyman's-Prayer, False-Prayer, Unpardonable-Sin Prayer, Unsaved-Prayer*).

190 - God-Hunger Prayer (Matt. 5:6)

When we have spiritual hunger, we don't have to pray in a fancy way; all we have to do is call out for God to fill us when we are empty. Therefore having a genuine hunger for God is the beginning of prayer. Our genuine *desire* to know God is an actual prayer, and our words begin to fulfill our hunger for God. Genuine prayer is *God-Hunger Prayer* (Pss. 107:5, 9; 146:7; Prov. 6:30; Isa. 58:7; Luke 1:53; Phil. 4:12). (See *Hunger-Prayer, Intimacy-Prayer, Searching for God in Prayer, Thirsty Prayer, Well-Digging Prayer*).

191 - God-Pleasing Prayer (Heb. 11:5)

We should attempt to please God in all we think, say, and do. The desire of our heart should be to obey God, and do the things that satisfy Him or delight Him (Rom. 8:8; 1 Cor. 1:27; 1 Thess. 2:4; Heb. 11:5, 13:16; 1 John 3:22). (See *Jesus First-Prayer, God-Glorifying Prayer* and various *Worship* prayers).

192 - God-Recognition Prayer (Eph. 3:20-21)

In praising God we recognize Him as the source of all honor and power. Our praise doesn't add to God's honor and power, for in His omnipotence God has all honor and power. But our praise makes us more Christ-like (Rom. 16:25, 27; Eph. 3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 6:16; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6, 4:11, 7:12). (See *Jesus-First Prayer, God-Glorifying Prayer* and see various *Worship* prayers).

193 - Goodness of God Proclaimed-Prayer (Pss. 92:15)

The servants of God should proclaim in prayer that He is good (in nature) and that He is good to His people (in actions) (Exod. 34:6-7; Deut. 30:5; Pss. 92:15; Mark 10:18). (See *Blessing the Lord in Worship, God-Glorifying Prayer*, and various *Worship* prayers).

194 - Good-Things Praying (Heb. 13:21)

This prayer means getting our hearts ready to receive the good things God promises. But this prayer also asks for good things, and then thanks God for them when they come (2 Cor. 9:8; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 1:11; 2 Thess. 2:17; 1 Tim. 5:10; Heb. 13:21; James 1:17). (See *All Kinds of Faith Praying, Asking-Prayer, Believing-Prayer, Natural-Bless Prayer*).

195 - Good-Works Praying (John 6:28, 29)

Good-Works Praying is asking God to help us be effective in Christian service. It is asking God to accomplish "good works" through us because we cannot do good works in ourselves to please God (Gen. 15:7; John 3:36; Rom. 3:28, 10:9, 10, 17; Heb. 11:6; James 2:17, 20; 1 John 3:23). (See *Basic-Praying, Effective-Prayer, Faithful-Request Prayer, Natural-Bless Prayer*).

196 - Government Leaders-Intercession (1 Tim. 2:1 ff.)

We should pray for our government leaders so we can lead a peaceful life, enjoy freedom to worship and share our faith with the unsaved (Pss. 20:1, 72:1; Rom. 13:1; 1 Peter 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:1, 2). (See *Peaceful-Living Prayer*).

197 - Gratitude for Martyred Saints-Prayer (Rev. 14:13)

Martyrs are those who faithfully follow the Lord right up to their death. Then they rest from their labor, and the influence of their lives continues (Matt. 25:21; 1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Thess. 4:16-18; 2 Thess. 1:6-7; Heb. 12:1; Rev. 14:13). (See *Death-Facing Prayer Thanksgiving-Prayer*).

198 - Gratitude-Prayer (Phil. 4:6)

Praying “with thanksgiving” means showing appreciation for the positive contribution to our lives by family, friends, and business associates. Also, it is offering praise to God for all the positive things He has done for us. (See *Deliverance-Thanksgiving Prayer*, and various *Thanksgiving* and *Praise* prayers).

199 - Great Commission-Prayer (Luke 24:49)

In this prayer we ask God to use missionaries and evangelistic methods to help win people in all nations to Christ through the preaching of the gospel. We must pray, targeting un-reached tribes worldwide, so that the gospel can be carried to the ends of the earth. (See *Evangelistic-Praying, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Soul-Winner’s Prayer*).

200 - Greater-Prayer (2 Cor. 9:6)

Great prayers lead to great dreams or vision for what God can do, and great prayers lead to greater faith and trust in God to accomplish greater results. If we pray with great faith, we will probably make greater plans, recruit a greater work force to serve God, and make a greater investment of our time, talent, and treasures for God’s glory (Pss. 126:5-6; Prov. 11:24, 22:9; Eccl. 11:1, 6; Isa. 55:1; Luke 6:36-38; Gal. 6:7-9; Heb. 6:10). (See *Asking-Prayer, Dream-Motivated Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Supernatural-Praying, Triumphant-Prayer, Unlimited Prayer in Christ*).

201 - Greater-Works Prayer (John 14:12)

Winning souls to Christ is a much greater work than the physical miracles Jesus did for people. Prayer can help us do these greater works by (1) praying for a burden to be a soul winner; (2) praying for specific people to get saved; and (3) praying for the filling of the Holy Spirit to be used by God (Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3; Matt. 28:19; John 4:7; Acts 8:30). (See *Asking-Prayer, Fruitful-Prayer, Greater-Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Supernatural-Praying, Triumphant-Prayer*).

202 – Grief Prayer (Eph. 4:30)

We should rid ourselves of sin and evil thoughts so we don’t grieve the Holy Spirit who wants us to live holy lives (Gen. 6:6; 1 Chron. 4:10; Eph. 4:30). (See *Confronting Evil*

Praying, Deliverance-Prayer, Filling of the Spirit-Prayer, Holy-Protection Prayer, Holy-Spirit Prayer, Self-Denying Prayer, Separation Prayer, Sin-Stopping Prayer).

203 - Growth in Christ-Prayer (Col. 2:8)

We grow in Christ when we vow to live as commanded in Scripture, and we ask God to give us power to do it. (See *Christ Formed in Us-Prayer, Growth Prayer*).

204 - Growth-Prayer (Eph. 4:12-16)

This prayer is asking God to help us grow in character and spiritual abilities so we can serve Him acceptably (Prov. 11:30; Eph. 4:12-16; 1 Tim. 3:1; Titus 3:8). (See *Discipline-Prayer, Growth in Christ-Prayer, Spiritual Growth-Prayer*).

205 - Guard Your Heart-Prayer (Phil. 4:6-7)

We should ask God (1) to help guard our hearts from losing the peace of God that is promised to us as believers; and (2) to keep us from sin. (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Old-Nature Praying, Protection-Prayer, Spiritual Protection Prayer, Triumphant-Prayer*).

206 - Guarding Our Legacy-Prayer (2 Tim. 1:14)

We must use all our strength and wisdom to (1) defeat those who attack God's Word; (2) pray that God can use us to defend the truth; and (3) remove all barriers that hold back the influence of God's Word (2 Tim. 1:14, 3:14; Phil. 1:27; 1 Thess. 5:21; Titus 1:9; Heb. 3:6; Jude 3; Rev. 2:25, 3:3, 11). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Protection-Prayer, Spiritual Protection-Prayer*).

207 - Guidance-Prayer (Rom. 12: 1, 2)

Most believers who pray for guidance, ask God to do something miraculous. But as we pray for guidance, we should apply these principles God has given us to find His guidance in our life for normal decisions: (1) follow the general principles found in Scripture (we don't need to pray whether we should refrain from the negatives found in the Ten Commands, or do the positive commands found in the New Testament); (2) find guidance by talking with Christian counselors (Prov. 11:14); (3) apply the spiritual gifts God has given us to find His purpose for our life; (4) yield to God to find His will; (5) prayer may guide us into His will; (6) apply common sense, for God seldom goes against common sense; (7) find God's guidance by properly interpreting circumstances. Beyond all these principles, God may guide you by "internal leading" (Rom. 8:14). (See *Dedication-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer, Spirit-Helped Prayer, Will of God Prayer*).

208 - Guilt-Motivation Prayer (Col. 3:12-13)

God has forgiven all sin of His children by the blood of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:7), but many Christians still feel guilty over their sins. They continually confess their sins (1 John 1:9), they constantly seek to be cleansed from sin and to be restored to fellowship with God. However, they must not be controlled by the guilt of their sins, they must walk as “forgiven sinners” (Gen. 50:15-17; Matt. 6:12, 14-15; 18:35; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12-13). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer*, *Deceitful-Heart Prayer*, *Old-Nature Praying*, and various *Victory* prayers).

209 - Guilty-Blocking Prayer (1 John 3:21)

Sometimes we let our *experiential guilt* block our confidence to pray. So we must remember that we stand perfect before God in justification, and that our non-experiential *legal guilt* has been abolished by Jesus Christ. Then we can plead the blood of Christ and pray confidently (Job 22:26; Pss. 7:3-4, 101:2; 1 Cor. 4:4; 2 Cor. 1:12; 1 Tim. 2:8; Heb. 4:16; 10:22; 1 John 3:21). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer*, *Transformation-Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

210 - Habit-Prayer (Acts 3:1)

The word “habit” comes from the same type of clothes worn by a Roman Catholic nun each day. Therefore a habit is something done automatically, without thought or choice. A good habit means we automatically pray in a certain way, at a certain time on a regular basis. Because prayer is good, some prayer habits are good when they cause us to do what is right. But a prayer habit can be bad when we do it with no thought, no emotions, and no meaning (1 Kings 18:26; Dan. 6:10; Matt. 6:7; Acts 3:1; James 4:3). (See *Burden-Prayer*, *Definition of Prayer*, *First Prayer Each Day*).

211 - Hallelujah-Praise Prayer (Rev. 19:1)

This is the response of our hearts when we begin worshiping God. This is a way of calling others to join with us in our joy of giving worship, thanksgiving, praise, and honor to God (Pss. 106:1, 111:1, 115:18, 146:1, 148:1, 149:1, 150:1; Rev. 19:1, 3). (See various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

212 - Happiness Inspired by Prayer (Matt. 5:3-8)

Happiness or fun by the world’s standard is an elusive dream that is seldom realized. But true happiness is the fruit of biblical character and is found on the road to duty. Traditionally Matthew 5:3-13 is called “The Beatitudes,” that is, the blessings a person receives who is totally dedicated to God. Many translate the word “blessed” as “happy,” that is, “Happy *are* the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:5). (Gen. 1:22, 12:2, 3; 49:28;

Num. 6:23-27; Pss. 1:1-3, 32:2, 103:1; Matt. 14:14; Mark 10:16; Acts 20:35). (See *Happy Prayer, Rejoicing in Prayer* and various *Bless* prayers).

213 - Happy-Prayer (John 20:20)

We are emotional beings, so we should show the total range of our emotions to God when we pray, that is, from laughter to tears. If we don't show the depth of our emotions, then we're not honest in prayer. Let's not be so "outwardly religious" that we can't be ourselves when talking to God (Gen. 17:17; Pss. 126:2; Isa. 25:8, 9; Matt. 28:8; Luke 24:41; John 20:20; 1 John 1:3). (See *Happiness-Inspired Prayer, Rejoicing in Prayer, Weeping Prayer*).

214 - Healing-Prayer (James 5:15)

God has many different ways to heal us of our sicknesses. Sometimes God heals directly by His power because of prayer. Other times He heals through the use of medicine, surgery, exercise, drugs, or other forms of therapy. We can pray for God to heal directly or for God to use these means for healing. However, not everyone we pray for will be healed. Sometimes God has other purposes for sickness, but in all things we should glorify God. Healing begins when we meet the following conditions: (1) call for church elders to pray; (2) anoint with oil; (3) confess sins to get right with God; and (4) exercise believing faith (Matt. 17:20-21; Mark 11:22-26; 1 Cor. 12:28-30; James 5:15; 1 John 5:14-18). (See *Asking-Prayer, The Daniel Fast, Sick Person's Prayer, Supernatural-Prayer*).

215 - Heaven's-Prayer (1 Thess. 4:13, 14)

Because God will not forget any of His children in the rapture, we should thank God for all those who will go to be with Christ (John 11:24-25; 1 Cor. 15:12-19, 29; 1 Thess. 4:13, 14; Heb. 10:24-25). (See various *Thanksgiving* and *Praise* prayers).

216 - Heavy-Prayer (Matt. 11:28:30)

A heavy load is a word that stands for the various heavy trials, strains, or problems of life. A heavy load can be social, emotional, financial, spiritual, or physical. What is physically "heavy" to an older person may be considered "light" to a 20-year-old youth. In reverse, the young may be overwhelmed with a problem, but it is not heavy to the old because they have learned with experience to handle that problem. Jesus is saying that no matter what our heavy burden is, He will help us through it. (See *Burden-Prayer, Help-Prayer, Protection-Prayer*).

217 - Hedge-Protection Prayer (Job 1:10)

When we face temptations and trials, we should pray for God's protective "hedge" to keep us from falling into sin or physical danger. God answers our request for protection by putting a "hedge" around us to protect us. "Have You not made a hedge around him?" (Job

1:10). “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven” (Job 1:10, 3:22; Matt. 18:10, that is, guardian angel; 1 Cor. 10:13; Eph. 6:11, 12; Heb. 12:1, 2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:6, 7; 1 John 4:4). (See *Deliverance Prayer, Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Protection Prayer, Triumphant Prayer* and various *Victory prayers*).

218 - Help the Oppressed by Prayer (Pss. 10:8-9)

The servants of God will see evil in the world, and will pray against it. They will see the needy oppressed, and they will help them and pray for them. Those without compassion for the oppressed don't share the heart of God (Exod. 3:9; Lev. 25:14; Pss. 10:8-9, 17:9; Prov. 22:22). (See *Evangelistic-Praying, Others-Prayer, Servanthood-Praying, Soul-Winner's Prayer*).

219 - Help-Prayer (Pss. 108:12, 13)

When we face big or little problems, we can pray, and God will help us because (1) He has instructed us to call on Him; (2) He has a history of helping His people; (3) His nature of constant love and mercy shows He wants to help; and (4) He has designed a world in which He helps His people (Pss. 10:14, 12:1, 54:4, 108:12-13; Heb. 4:16, 13:6). (See *Burden-Prayer, Heavy-Prayer*).

220 - Heresy-Condemning Prayer (2 Peter 2:6)

This is a prayer for God to remove spiritual blindness and cause us to see true doctrine through the eyes of the Holy Spirit. This is also a prayer to keep us from false teaching (Deut. 13:1-3; Col. 2:8, 18; 2 Thess. 2:2, 3, 12; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; Titus 1:11; 2 Peter 2:6; 1 John 2:18; Jude 18; Rev. 2:9). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Disentanglement-Prayer*).

221 - Hidden Answers-Prayer (Rom. 11:33-36)

God is El Olam, the Everlasting God. Olam means secret or hidden, so God who knows all things keeps some things hidden from us for our good. Olam also means the unknown mystery of successive ages, that is, God is everlasting. Some answers are hidden from us and our prayers (Gen. 21:33; 2 Kings 4:27; Pss. 10:1, 90:2; Matt. 13:11; Eph. 1:9-11; 3:2-6). (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Insight Prayer, Wait-Prayer*).

222 - Hindrances to Prayer (See *Blocked-Prayer, and Various “No” Answers to Prayer*).

223 - Holiness-Prayer (1 Peter 1:16)

Since holiness is commanded of all believers, we should pray: (1) for a desire to be separate from sin; (2) for wisdom to recognize and separate ourselves from sin; (3) for strength to overcome temptation and sin; and (4) for our life to be well pleasing to God (Lev. 11:44; Matt.

5:20; 1 Peter 1:16). (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer, Crucifixion-Prayer, Self-Denying-Prayer, Self-Discipline Prayer, Purity-Praying, Separation-Prayer*).

224 - Holy Spirit-Praying (Jude 20)

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit to pray effectively, we enter the Holy Spirit as He enters us, then we present our requests to the Father. When we yield to the Holy Spirit in prayer, we pray with more confidence, more joy, and more assurance. When we pray in the Spirit, we pour out our feelings to God through the words that the Holy Spirit gives us. When we pray in the Spirit, our minds don't drift into fuzzy ideas or become cluttered with a moist fog so that we can't think straight. When the Holy Spirit fills us, He will use the Scriptures we already know to give us more insight into the mind of God. When we pray in the Spirit, our human spirit and the divine Holy Spirit work together as one. Praying in the Spirit means having a relationship with God by remembering that the Holy Spirit dwells within us when we completely yield ourselves to God. "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit" (Jude 1:20) (Zech. 4:6, 12:10; John 7:37-39; Rom. 8:14-16, 26-27; 1 Cor. 14:15; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 4:8; Jude 20). (See *Filling of the Spirit Prayer, Promise of the Holy Spirit-Prayer, Spiritual-Insight Prayer, Spiritual Strength Prayer*).

225 - Honest-Prayer (Pss. 17:4-5)

Honest praying is coming to God sincerely and without anything hidden from Him. It doesn't mean we are sinless, but we can be blameless before God. We can pray honestly from an honest heart (Pss. 17:4-5; Acts 6:3; Rom. 12:17, 13:13; 2 Cor. 8:21; Phil. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:12; Heb. 13:18; 1 Peter 2:12). (See *Frailty-Confession Praying, Integrity-Praying, True Heart Praying*).

226 - Hope-Inspired Prayer (Titus 1:2)

Hope is one of the motivating forces for all we are and do. Hope motivates us to daily gratitude and service. Hope takes away discouragement and defeat. Hope is our basis for daily victory and the basis for looking beyond the grave to life with Christ after death (John 5:39; Rom. 5:2-4; Col. 1:27; 1 Thess. 5:8; Titus 1:2, 2:13, 3:7; 1 Peter 1:3, 4; Jude 21). (See *Anticipatory-Blessing Prayer, Confident-Praying, Wait-Prayer, Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

227 - Hope-Rejoicing Prayer (Heb. 6:19)

Hope gives us assurance that we will go to heaven when we die. Why? Because God cannot lie (6:18) and He promised us eternal life. Also, we have Christ living in our hearts, and since Christ is already in heaven, He guarantees that we will be there with Him when

we die (Eph. 4:4; Phil. 1:20; Col. 1:23, 27; 1 Thess. 1:3; Heb. 6:19, 12:1-2). (See *Assurance-Prayer, Confident-Praying, Rejoicing for Others-Prayer*).

228 - Humility-Prayer (James 4:10)

The ego dies hard because it wants attention. The self also avoids crucifixion because it wants to be in first place. But God's way up is to go down. God's way to win is to surrender. God's way of humility is to go to the end of the line, that is, Jesus first, others second, self last. When we yield ourselves and our selfish ambitions to God, then we can say with Paul, "Not I, but Christ" (Gal. 2:20). We then ask God to reveal the hidden selfish desires in our prayers. The prayer to be humble is by crucifying self, and letting Christ sit on the throne of our heart to direct us in all we do (Pss. 35:13; Prov. 15:33; Matt. 11:11; Luke 14:11, 18:14; Eph. 4:1-3; Phil. 2:3; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6). (See *Christ-Indwelling Prayer, Self-Denying Prayer, Self-Discipline-Prayer*).

229 - Hunger-Prayer (Pss. 34:8)

As we pray, we should eagerly seek to enjoy God's presence, feeding on the things of God. "Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good" (Pss. 34:8). (See *God-Hunger Prayer, Thirst-Prayer, Searching for God Prayer, Well-Digging Prayer, Yearning-Prayer*).

230 - Hymn-Prayer (Col. 3:16)

We can use the words of a song or hymn to express our prayer to God, or to actually sing our prayer to God. The Psalms are our example because Israel literally sang the psalms to God (Col. 3:16). (See *Singing Prayer* and various *Thanksgiving* and *Worship* prayers).

231 - Hypocritical-Prayer (Matt. 6:5)

Hypocrite is from the Latin *hypocrisis*, which was used to describe a person who gave a false appearance. When we pray for selfish things to make ourselves happy, or in order to glamorize ourselves, we engage in *hypocritical prayer*. The problem is self! We are motivated by our pride or self-satisfaction. In *hypocritical prayer* we want people to think that we are spiritual. We "ask amiss" (James 4:2, 3). We tend to hide our pride behind a cloak of religiosity and seek the wrong reward for praying. Jesus did not say that praying *in public* is wrong (Matt. 6:5). He was saying that praying *to be seen by the public* is wrong. (See *Everyman's-Prayer, False-Prayer, Pretend-Prayer* and various "No" *Answer to Prayer* prayers).

232 - Identificational Repentance-Prayer (Neh. 1:6)

This deals with the un-repented transgressions of others in the past. We identify with a past sin of other people and repent of that sin, and ask God to hold back the punishment that it deserves. It is not praying for the forgiveness of a past sin only; it is asking God to take away the consequences of that sin. *Identificational Repentance* is motivated

by the consequences of sin by others that influence our lives. We champion the rights of those who have been sinned against and ask for the spiritual release of the innocent. “I (Nehemiah) pray before You now...and confess the sins of the children of Israel that we have sinned against You. Both my fathers and I have sinned” (Neh. 1:6, *ELT*). (See Gen. 18:23-33; Exod. 32:30-33, 17; Neh. 1:6; Dan. 9:3-19). (See *Abandonment-Prayer, Forgiveness-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer, Others-Prayer, Redemption-Prayer, Suffering-Prayer*).

233 - Impartial-Prayer (Gen. 25:22-34)

Impartial-praying means praying that you love all people equally, with partiality to none, but it also includes praying that you deal equally with everyone. (See *All-Time Prayer, Others-Prayer, Outreach Prayer*).

234 - Impatient-Judgmental Prayer (Rev. 6:10)

This is the request of Christian martyrs to judge those violent people who took their lives. It is a prayer made during the Tribulation (Gen. 4:10; Pss. 9:12, 13:1, 35:17, 74:9-10; 94:3-4; Dan. 8:13, 12:6). (See *Waiting Anxiously in Prayer, Waiting for Christ's Return-Prayer*).

235 - Imprecatory-Prayers (Pss. 109:8 ff.)

David and other Old Testament leaders asked God to punish evil men with the punishment they gave to the godly. This is a prayer for God to do to sinners what He has promised as the wages of sin. This is not a mean-spirited prayer of God's people for revenge; it is a prayer based on God's promise to judge sin (Pss. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 21, 44, 52, 54, 55, 58, 69, 74, 75, 79, 83, 109, 110, 129, 140). (See *Judgmental-Prayer, Justice-Prayer*).

236 - Inadequate Words-Prayer (1 Cor. 13:12)

Our words seem so adequate to us, because “we know in part” (1 Cor. 13:9), and we “spoke as a child” (1 Cor. 13:11). When we look at spiritual truth, “we see in a mirror, dimly” (1 Cor. 13:12) but it will be different when we pass through death into God's presence: “Then that which is in part will be done away” (1 Cor. 13:10). Our words of prayer are weak because our understanding is limited. Our prayers may seem like they represent grunts and broken sentences, but a God of mercy and love knows the desires of our heart when we don't even know how to use limited words (Exod. 33:11; Job 11:7, 8; Pss. 40:5; Matt. 5:8; Rom. 11:34; 2 Cor. 3:18 ff.; Eph. 3:8, 18-19; 1 Peter 1:10-12). (See *Burden-Prayer, Definition of Prayer, Written-Prayer*).

237 - Inadequate-Prayer (James 5:17-18)

Sometimes praying one time may not be enough to get an answer from God. It may be that we do not have enough faith to get an answer, so we need to pray repeatedly to build our faith to get an answer from God. “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he

prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit” (James 5:17, 18). (See *Unanswered-Prayer*, *Unbelief-Hindrance to Prayer*, *Unbiblical-Prayer*, and various *Faith* prayers).

238 - Inappropriate Motives-Prayer (James 4:2-3)

Sometimes our requests may be right in context, but our motives are wrong. God in His sovereignty can overlook our wrongly motivated prayers to give us what He wants (Gen. 30:15, 22; James 4:2-3). (See *Bible-Prayer*, *Growth-Prayer*, *Spiritual-Growth Prayer*, *Unbelief-Hindrance to Prayer*).

239 - Indwelling-Strength Prayer (Eph. 3:16-17)

As we recognize Christ who dwells within us, He allows His strength and abilities to flow through us into our life so it can overcome trials and temptation. We yield to Christ to receive His strength in Christian service (Rom. 6:4-6; Gal. 2:20, 5:24, 6:14; Eph. 3:16; Col. 2:11-14). (See *Christ-Indwelling Prayer*, *Growth-Prayer*, *Inner-Strength Prayer*, *Spiritual Discipline-Prayer*, *Yielding-Prayer*).

240 - Injustice-Prayer (Isa. 1:17)

Our primary weapon against mass injustice in the world is *prayer*. Our prayers can purposefully intercede against evil, change the course of this world, and right the wrongs therein. When we truly believe that prayer makes a difference and we pray against the injustices of the world, we become the voice of the voiceless and the power of the powerless as we connect with the God of heaven as we intercede for those who need help. We do not pray against the evil people, but focus our prayers against the evil that causes the injustices in our world. (See *Identificational Repentance-Prayer*, *Justice-Prayer*, *Others-Prayer*).

241 - Inner-Assurance Praying (1 John 5:10)

Assurance we have from God comes from the fact that we are His children because we invited Jesus Christ into our hearts for salvation. This assurance is reinforced by Scripture (Pss. 25:14; Prov. 3:32; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6; Col. 3:3; 1 John 5:10; Rev. 3:10). (See *Assurance-Prayer*, *Confident-Praying*, and various *Faith* prayers).

242 - Inner-Desires Prayer (Eph. 4:22 ff.)

We must be careful when we don't know what to do. We must not listen to our sinful nature because the sinful nature wants to do evil, which is the opposite of what the Holy Spirit wants (James 4:2-3). The Spirit gives us holy desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires (Gal. 5:17). These two forces are constantly fighting each other.

We must be grounded in Scripture because there we find the will of God for our lives. (See *Hunger-Prayer, Thirst Prayer, Searching-Prayer, Yearning-Prayer*).

243 - Inner-Strength Request Prayer (2 Tim. 2:1)

Prayer to be strong against our internal weaknesses and against external trials, temptations, and attacks on my faith (1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Eph. 6:10; Phil. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; James 1:6; 2 Peter 3:18). (See *Self-Discipline-Prayer, Sin-Stopping Prayer, Spiritual-Growth Prayer, Spiritual-Strength Prayer*).

244 - Insight-Prayer (2 Cor. 4:3-4)

When we ask God to remove our spiritual blindness (2 Cor. 4:3, 4) and teach us truth from His Word, He answers, giving us insight we haven't had in the past (Pss. 119:105). (See *Blind-Prayer, Spiritual-Insight Prayer*).

245 - Insincere-Prayer (Matt. 12:38-39)

When a person's heart has rejected God for any reason, then that person is guilty of hypocritical prayers, or deceitful prayers. Their motives are not pure, so God may not answer their prayers (Matt. 13:38-43; Mark 8:32; John 8:44; Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:8, 10, 12). (See *Deceitful-Heart Prayer, Hypocritical-Prayer, Old-Nature Praying, Pretend-Prayer, and various "No" Answers to Prayer prayers*).

246 - Integrity-Praying (Pss. 101:2)

When we realize God knows the intent of our heart and everything we do, we will be careful to live an honest life. When we realize God exposes lies and untruths, and He judges dishonesty, we will quickly conform our lips and life to truth. (See *Honesty-Praying, Surety-Praying, Yielding-Prayer*).

247 - Intention-Praying (Rom. 15:24, 25)

This is asking God to guide our intentions to their completion, while at the same time realizing some of our human intentions never materialize. When that happens, we must yield ourselves to God and accept the conditions where we find ourselves (Prov. 19:21; Acts 18:21; Rom. 1:10, 15:24; 1 Cor. 4:19, 16:7; Heb. 6:3). (See *Blind Prayer, Directional Answer-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

248 - Intercessor's-Prayer (Rom. 8:34)

Our prayer of intercession is based on Christ's intercession for us. We intercede successfully because in death Jesus took our sins to God for forgiveness and cleansing. Now we come to Jesus who is at the right hand of the Father and makes our prayers through Him. We have no access to the Father except through Jesus, the Intercessor (Job 9:33; Rom.

8:34; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:24-26, 9:15, 12:24; 1 John 2:1). (See *Advocate-Intercession*, and various *Jesus* prayers).

249 - Intercessory Prayer for Jews (Rom. 10:1)

This is praying for the salvation of individual Jews, and for the political and spiritual salvation of the nation of Israel. Paul expressed this prayer, “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved” (Rom. 10:1). This prayer also includes “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Pss. 122:6). Those who pray this prayer are encouraged by the promise, “so all Israel will be saved” (Rom. 11:26). (See *All Kinds of Faith-Praying, Mountain-Moving-Prayer, Possibility-Praying*).

250 - Intercessory Prayer for Nations (Matt. 28:19)

We must ask God to send missionaries and/or revival to the various nations of the world so that the gospel is preached, churches are planted, and multitudes are won to Christ. Technically the word “nation” is *ethnē* which represents the various ethnic groups of people in the world. (See *Evangelistic-Praying, Great Commission-Prayer, Soul-Winner’s Prayer*).

251 - Interchange with God (Gen. 18:23-33)

This is when you and God talk back and forth about a request. This may involve your realization that Satan is fighting against you, and your flesh is weak. You are talking to God about an issue as was illustrated by God and Abraham’s interchange (Gen. 18:23-33). (See *Communion-Prayer, Fellowship-Praying, Intimacy-Prayer*).

252 - Intermittent-Prayer (1 Thess. 5:17)

Praying unceasingly (1 Thess. 5:17) means we pray always (Luke 18:1), pray constantly (Rom. 12:12), pray at all times (Eph. 6:18), continue steadfast in prayer (Col. 4:2), and in everything by prayer (Phil. 4:6). This is praying with the intensity that matches an immediate need, or praying when a need arises. This means (1) unceasingly; (2) continually; (3) giving quick breaths of prayer; or (4) practicing the presence of God (Gen. 32:9 ff.; Job 27:6; Pss. 55:16-17, 65:2, 102:17; Jer. 29:12; Matt. 26:40, 41; Luke 18:1, 21:36; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Peter 4:7). (See *All-Time Prayer, Continual Prayer, Continue in Prayer, Persistent Praying, Prevailing-Prayer*).

253 - Interventional-Prayer (Matt. 17:20)

This verse refers to times when we want God to remove a serious barrier to His work or provide a miraculous supply of resources (Matt. 21:21; Mark 11:22-24). (See *Mountain-Moving Prayer, Supernatural-Prayer, Supernatural Results-Prayer*).

254 - Intimacy-Prayer (Luke 11:2)

Praying means enjoying intimate fellowship with God. Jesus instituted a childlike intimacy with God when He taught us to call God “Our Father.” Prayer is like a little child talking to his or her father. When we are in an intimate relationship with the Father, we can simply pray with our feelings. This is more a matter of being in God’s presence than it is about striving for answers to our intercession. When children obey their parents’ wishes, they value their relationship with Him. Intimacy with God is based on obedience and faith: “He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Heb. 11:6). (See *Communion-Prayer, Fellowship-Praying, Jesus-Agreement Prayer, Silent Prayer*).

255 - Introspective-Prayer (Pss. 139:23-24)

Instead of reaching upward to God, some turn inward. They complain, gripe, or mostly blame themselves. As a result, they end up feeling even more hopeless, discouraged, and depressed than before. Introspective prayer is usually rooted in fear, doubts, or alienation from God. Sometimes a knowable sin blocks our relationship with God. Sometimes it’s not a sin but a wrong decision and we are suffering its consequences. Sometimes it’s because we have become inattentive to God. We can gain self-knowledge through introspection that becomes the foundation for our spiritual journey. However, if introspective prayer is the *only* way we pray most of the time, we’ll soon end up in trouble. The prayer of introspection should bring us to the place of cleansing and restored fellowship with God. Forgiveness gives us a new beginning and allows us to start over again. (See *Abandonment-Prayer, Forsaken-Prayer, Problem-Solving Prayer, Suffering-Prayer*).

256 - Jesus First-Prayer (Phil. 1:21)

When we put Jesus first in our lives and yield all to Him in prayer, He reinforces our commitment with His “special” blessing. Our blessing may be intimacy with Him (Gen. 26:24, 25; Matt. 6:33; Luke 9:23; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21). (See various *Jesus prayers*).

257 - Jesus’ Example-Prayer (John 17:1)

Because Jesus constantly prayed to the Father, we should give ourselves to prayer and intercession to follow His example. (See various *Jesus prayers*).

258 - Jesus’ Name-Praying (John 14:13)

We are told to pray in Jesus’ name (John 14:13), but His name is more than a magical mantra to open heaven’s door. To pray in Jesus’ name is to approach the Father (1) in the perfection of Jesus; (2) because we are cleansed by the blood of Jesus; (3) because Jesus is our High Priest who intercedes for us; and (4) because the Father accepts us as He accepted Jesus

(Matt. 1:23, 16:16; John 6:37, 8:12, 10:9, 10; 11:25, 14:6, 15:1; Phil. 2:10, 11; Rev. 19:13, 16). (See *All Kinds of Faith-Praying, Asking Prayer, Believing-Prayer, Intercessor's-Prayer*).

259 - Jesus' Response-Prayer (Rev. 1:10)

In the first chapter of Revelation we see the greatness of Jesus in His many names, titles, metaphors, and descriptions. We can do no less than John when the almighty nature of Jesus is revealed to us—we must bow at His feet and worship Him (Dan. 8:18, 10:8-9; Matt. 17:2-6; John 13:23, 21:20; Rev. 1:10). (See *Jesus-Worship, Worship-Praise, Worship-Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

260 - Jesus' Suffering Appreciation-Prayer (Heb. 2:9-10, 18)

Jesus suffered the punishment of sin so that we will not suffer in hell for eternity. We should respond in gratitude to God for His plan to save all those who believe in Jesus (Luke 22:15; Acts 3:18, 26:23; Heb. 2:9-10, 18). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

261 - Jesus' Example Prayer (1 Peter 2:21)

We should apply to our life the principle of living by the motto, *What Would Jesus Do*, especially when we face difficulties or situations where we don't know what to do. Jesus is our example and we can pray to live the way Jesus lived (John 13:15; 1 Cor. 11:1; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 2:5; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:5, 3:16; Rev. 12:11). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Spiritual-Victory Prayer, Triumphant-Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

262 - Jesus Agreement-Prayer (Heb. 7:24-25)

We can agree with Jesus for a prayer request, knowing that He is interceding for us in heaven. We thus become a partner with Jesus in His intercessory ministry in heaven. We tell Jesus of our need, and He presents our needs to the Father and He also becomes mighty in deliverance! Because of Jesus' humanity, He understands our needs and prays with us (See Heb. 7:24, 25). (See *Intercessor's Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

263 - Jesus-Prayer (Luke 18:13)

The *Jesus-Prayer* probably had its origin when Jesus commended the tax collector's prayer, "O God, have mercy on me, I am a sinner." It has been prayed extensively in the Eastern Orthodox church since the sixth century. It is, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me" (Pss. 25:7, 41:4, 51:1-5; Jer. 31:18-19; Dan. 9:5-19; 2 Cor. 7:11; Heb. 4:16; 1 Tim. 1:15). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

264 - Jesus-Worship Prayer (Heb. 1:6)

This prayer exalts Jesus because He is the sovereign Son of God, and because of all He has done for my salvation. We join the angels in worshipping the Lord (Pss. 2:7-12, 110:1-4;

Matt. 2:11, 8:2, 14:33, 15:25, 18:26, 28:9, 17; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:6). (See *Worship-Jesus Prayer*, *Worship-Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

265 - John the Baptizer Fast and Prayer (Isa. 58:8)

This fast is a spiritual discipline when we pray and fast to expand and increase the effectiveness of our testimony for Jesus Christ. This is a fast when “your righteousness shall go before you” (Isa. 58:8). We should be free of alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, and any influence that destroys our testimony because we want Christ to be magnified in our body (see Phil. 1:20, 21). We should be sexually pure for our life partner, because we want our body to be the temple of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Cor. 6:19). (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer*, *Testimony-Prayer*).

266 - Joy-Prayer (Acts 13:52)

As we pray, we can be filled with spiritual happiness (Acts 13:5). (See *Happiness-Inspired Prayer*, *Happy Prayer*).

267 - Judgment Prayer (Rev. 17:5)

The Bible teaches that Jesus will ultimately destroy antichrist’s kingdom when he tries to rule the world in the Tribulation. Therefore, we can pray confidently knowing Jesus will ultimately destroy antichrist and rule the world (Gen. 11:1-9; 2 Chron. 36:10-21; 2 Thess. 2:7; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Rev. 14:8, 17:5, 18:2-10). (See *Warfare-Protection Prayer* and various *Victory* prayers).

268 - Judgmental-Praying (Acts 5:4, 9)

This is praying for God to judge those who hinder the work of God, or those whose sin harms His work. There are only a few illustrations of judgmental praying by an individual in Scripture against an enemy. However, there are a few more cases where God initiates judgment against those who harm His work. But in most cases there is not an accompanying judgmental prayer. Most prayers against an enemy of God are prayers to bless him and the command to do good to them (Luke 6:27-38). Be careful when you pray judgment on an enemy that you are not reacting to your irritation or negative feelings (1 Kings 22:24 ff.; Lam. 3:30; Matt. 5:39; Luke 6:27-38; Acts 5:4, 9; 1 Peter 4:12-19). (See *Imprecatory-Prayers*, *Justice-Prayer*).

269 - Justice-Prayer (Pss. 7:17)

This prayer asks God to judge our enemies because they intentionally do evil and they know it. It is a prayer against evil (Gen. 18:25; Pss. 7:17, 24:15, 140:12-13; Eccl. 3:17; Isa. 2:4; John 5:30; Rom. 2:16; Rev. 19:11). (See *Imprecatory-Prayers*, *Judgmental-Prayer*).

270 - Justification-Based Prayer (Rom. 8:28-31)

We are perfect in Christ Jesus and have been given His righteousness when we were justified by faith. Therefore we can pray with confidence and bold faith because nothing stands between the Father and us (Job 9:2, 25:4; Acts 13:38-39; Rom. 3:27, 4:2; Gal. 2:16, 3:6; Phil. 3:9). (See *Child-Like Praying, Confident-Praying, Trusting-Prayer*).

271 - Knowing Christ-Prayer (Phil. 3:10)

The passion of Paul's prayer was to know Christ more intimately, "That I may know Him" (Phil. 3:10). We too should pray to know Him more intimately (Phil. 1:21, 3:8, 10; 4:13). (See *Christ-Indwelling Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

272 - Knowing-God Prayer (2 Peter 1:3)

We should desire to know God more intimately so that we may become more God-like in our daily life and reflect Him to those around us. Knowing God begins with a one-time event of our conversion, and becomes a life-time process of becoming godly. Therefore we should pray continually to know God more intimately (Pss. 9:10; Jer. 31:34; Matt. 11:27; John 17:3; 2 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 4:9; Eph. 1:17; Phil. 3:10; 2 Peter 2:20; 1 John 5:20). (See *Christ-Indwelling Prayer, Christ-Formed in Us Prayer, Indwelling-Strength Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

273 - Large-Praying (Acts 4:23-31)

When the church faces a larger request than ever before, they must enlarge the focus and purpose of their praying. They must recognize the greatness of God and His ability to do large things for them (Pss. 147; Isa. 51:12-13; Acts 4:23-31, 14:15-17, 17:24-31). (See *Interventional Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Supernatural-Praying*).

274 - Last-Days Prayer (2 Tim. 3:1)

This is a special prayer to keep us pure from sin and doctrinal compromise in the last days. It is a prayer for wisdom, boldness, and protection when we can't protect ourselves (Dan. 7:8, 20-25; 8:11-14, 11:36, 12:1, 7; 2 Thess. 2:3, 12; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1; Rev. 8:1 ff.). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance Prayer, Disentanglement-Prayer, Doctrinal-Prayer, Protection Prayer, Waiting for Christ's Return-Prayer*).

275 - Laziness-Corrective Prayer (Prov. 13:4)

A lazy person will do or say anything to get out of work. Laziness is not a case of being tired, or physically unable; the lazy person usually lacks ambition, has no focus in life, nor does he have the self-discipline necessary to meet the challenges of the day. Why is laziness rejected? It's not just because they live off others; the lazy person usually harms

everyone around him. That's because a lazy person refuses to help himself or his neighbor (Matt. 19:19). God has commanded that all men work to provide for their family, others, and themselves (Prov. 24:33-34) (Prov. 10:26, 13:4, 25; 15:19, 16:26, 24:30-34, 26:13, 28:15). (See *Discipline Prayer, Servanthood-Prayer, Worker's-Prayer*).

276 - Leave the Cemetery-Prayer (Gen. 23:1-2)

We can't spend the rest of our life at a cemetery mourning for a dead loved one. Life goes on, as must we. We must leave the cemetery and go face the life God has for us. (See *Discipline Prayer, Mourning the Dead-Prayer*).

277 - Legalistic-Warning Prayer (Phil. 3:1-3)

Because we can never become righteous by keeping the law, we should realize Christ has sanctified us; for we will only become righteous when we have the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:1-3). (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer, Justification-Based Prayer*).

278 - Life's Plan-Prayer (Rom. 12:1)

We receive strength when we know God's plan for our life and we commit ourselves to doing God's personal will for our lives. We pray for a full life of usefulness each year until we die. Then we pray that our children may live up to or beyond our achievements after we've gone (Gen. 25:1-11, 28:12-15; Rom. 12:1). (See *Laziness-Corrective Prayer, Life-Defining Prayer*).

279 - Life-Defining Prayer (Rom. 12:1, 2)

We find our life's purpose when we submit to God's perfect will for our life and pray for its fulfillment. First, we submit to God's plan, and second, we pray to know it more perfectly. Third, we ask for strength to do it, and fourth we commit our self to learning and growing so we can do God's perfect will. Finally, we pray for strength, faith, and ability to do God's perfect will in our life (Rom. 12:1, 2). (See *Life's Plan Blessing, Yielding-Prayer*).

280 - Life-Derailing Prayer (James 4:17)

We derail our life when we ask God for something that would divert us from doing His perfect will for our life. We don't have to sin deeply to derail our life, nor do we have to rebel against God's will. To do the lesser when the greater is possible constitutes the greatest tragedy in life. We derail our life by doing something "good" that is not the center of God's will for our life. (See *Crucifixion Prayer, Repentance-Prayer, Sin-Stopping Intercession, Sin-Realization Prayer*).

281 - Life-Receiving Prayer (John 10:10)

Jesus promised, “I have come that they may have life” (John 10:10). There are two kinds of life, that is, *bios*, physical life, and *zoë*, spiritual life (John 3:1-7). All must die and if we do not have the spiritual life of God, we will experience the second death, *thanatos*, which is separation from God, and punishment forever in the lake of fire. We receive eternal life when we receive Christ, for Christ is life (John 14:6; Rev. 20:10-15) (Pss. 1:1-3, 16:11; John 1:12, 3:16-18, 10:10, 14:20; Rom. 8:21, 22; Col. 3:3; 1 John 5:11-13). (See *Christ Formed in Us-Prayer*, *Christ-Indwelling Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

282 - Light Request for the Unsaved-Prayer (2 Cor. 4:3-4)

The unsaved are blinded by their sin and Satan so they can't understand the spiritual nature of God's Word or God's plan of salvation. Just as God must do a miracle for a physically blind man to see, so God must do a miracle for a spiritually blind person to understand the spiritual world. As we pray for unsaved people to be saved, we must also pray for them to see their sin and the Savior (1 Kings 22:22; Isa. 6:10; John 8:12, 12:40; 1 Cor. 3:14; 2 Cor. 3:11-18, 4:3-4; Eph. 1:18, 3:17-19). (See *Correcting Others-Prayer*, *Problem-Solving Prayer*).

283 - Light-Praying (1 John 1:7)

We must pray to walk as Jesus would have us live. When we walk in the light, we don't stumble, stray, backslide, or stop walking. We follow Jesus who is the Light (John 8:12). (Gen. 1:3; Exod. 13:21, 35:14; Pss. 4:6, 27:1, 119:105, 130; Isa. 45:7; John 1:4, 3:19-20, 8:12, 12:35; Acts 26:13; Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5; 1 John 1:7). (See *Insight-Prayer*, *Light Request*, *Spiritual-Insight Prayer*).

284 - Limitation-Praying (Jude 3)

We must apply all the knowledge and principles of prayer that are written in Scripture. God hasn't said all there is to say about prayer, but He has written in Scripture all we need to know for salvation and sanctification. The limitation of prayer is not with God or His Word, but with us and our application of Scripture to our intercession (Acts 20:27; 1 Cor. 15:1-5; 2 Tim. 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Jude 3). (See *Delayed-Answer to Prayer*, *Diversiary-Answer to Prayer*, *Unknown-Answer to Prayer*).

285 - Listening to Jesus-Prayer (Heb. 1:2)

When we read the Scriptures to learn about Jesus, we must also listen to what He says to us. Just as Jesus' disciples listened and learned from the physical Jesus as they followed Him on earth, so we carefully listen and search the Scriptures to know Jesus better and

then do what He would have us do (Matt. 3:17, 26:63; John 3:16, 15:15; Rom. 1:4; Heb. 1:2, 2:3, 5:8, 7:3). (See *Silent-Prayer*, *Silent-Worship Prayer* and various *Jesus prayers*).

286 - Listen-Prayer (Matt. 18:19)

In our praying we can hear and identify with the verbal request of another person and agree with him or her for that answer (Matt. 18:19). (See *Listening to Jesus*, *Meditation-Prayer*, *Silent-Prayer*).

287 - Looking-Back Prayer (Luke 9:62)

We reject God's perfect will for our life by "looking back" at the old things or places that are contrary to God's will. We look back because we want to go back. But usually we look back because our desires are still back there out of God's will. (See *Repentance-Prayer*, *Restoration-Prayer*, *Sin-Realization Prayer*).

288 - Lord's-Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13)

This model prayer was given to us by Jesus in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. There are seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer (see *Praying the Lord's Prayer* by Elmer Towns [Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1997]). When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we don't leave anything out—we pray everything we need to say to God. It's the most complete and comprehensive petition prayer that was ever given to us. Just as all the oak tree is in an acorn, so all of Christianity—what you need to know and what you need to ask—is in the Lord's Prayer. (See *Daily-Prayer*, *First Prayer Each Day*, *Morning-Prayer*).

289 - Lordship Salvation-Prayer (Acts 9:6)

There are two views of conversion. First, some teach "easy believism" which means calling on Jesus to save because Jesus simply said, "Come" (Matt. 11:28-30). Others say a person must do more than just come to have his sins forgiven; he must make Jesus the Lord of his life (Matt. 6:33, 7:21-23; Luke 9:27; John 3:1-8; Acts 4:12, 9:6, 16:31; Rom. 10:9-10). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer*, *Repentance-Prayer*, *Sin-Realization Prayer*, *Yielding-Prayer*).

290 - Loud-Rejoicing Prayer (Pss. 100:1)

We should express our emotions to God vehemently and loudly, so that our outward sound expresses our inward feelings. It is praying with a shout, yell, cheer, or roar so that our inward rejoicing equals our inward praise to God (Josh. 6:5; 1 Sam. 4:5; Ezra 3:11; Pss. 5:11, 35:27, 47:1, 5; 65:13, 100:1). (See *Singing Prayer*, *Worship-Roar Prayer*).

291 - Love One Another-Prayer (1 John 4:11)

Asking God to teach us to love Him and others because He first loved us by sending Jesus to die for us. Because God is love and He indwells us, we must pray to manifest His love

through us to others (John 13:34, 15:12-13; 2 Cor. 8:8-9; Eph. 4:31-32, 5:1-2; Col. 3:13; 1 John 4:11). (*Love-Abounding Prayer, Love-Growing Prayer, Others-Prayer*).

292 - Love-Abounding Prayer (Phil. 1:9)

This is asking God to grow our love for someone specifically, or for others in general so that our love flows out in words and deeds (Phil. 1:9). (See *Love-Growing Prayer, Love One Another-Prayer, Others-Prayer*).

293 - Love-Expression Prayer (John 21:15)

Because God has first loved us, and expressed His love to us, we can have confidence in our approach to Him that He will hear our prayer. Just as we say to someone, “I love you,” when they show their deep feelings for us, so we must say the same to Jesus. Didn’t Jesus ask Peter, “Do you love Me more than these?” (John 21:15) So we must reaffirm our love to Jesus before we ask for answers to prayer (Pss. 89:2; Lam. 3:22, 23; Matt. 10:35-40; John 8:40, 14:15, 15:4-14; 2 Cor. 5:14; Eph. 6:24; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 John 4:19, 5:1). (See *Love-Abounding Prayer, Love One Another-Prayer*).

294 - Love-Growing Prayer (Phil. 1:9)

We recognize God is the source of all love, so when we ask for our love to grow, we are asking for God’s influence to grow in our hearts and in our relationship to others (Rom. 13:8; Gal. 5:6; 1 Thess. 3:12; 2 Peter 1:7; 1 John 3:11, 4:7, 17). (See *Love-Abounding Prayer, Love-Expression Prayer*).

295 - Love-Praying (Matt. 22:37-38)

Love is an attribute of God, that is, “God is love” (1 John 4:8). We see love in the act of giving, that is, giving ourselves for a friend (John 15:13), for sinners (Rom. 5:5-8), and, of course, Christ gave Himself for sin (John 10:11; Rom. 5:5-8; Eph. 5:2, 25; 1 John 3:16, 4:7-11). (See *Love-Abounding Prayer, Love One Another-Prayer*).

296 - Loving-People Prayer (James 2:8)

We should pray that God will increase our love for others. Then we can pray for any barrier or wrong attitude in our hearts that keeps us from loving others. We can ask God to give us a supernatural love for people—to love them as He loves them—and that fulfills our obligation to love others (Deut. 6:4-6; Matt. 22:37-40; John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:9-10; Gal. 5:6; Eph. 4:3, 5:2; Phil. 2:1; 2 Thess. 1:3; Heb. 13:1; 1 John 2:9-10, 3:10; 2 John 5, 6). (See *Love-Abounding Prayer, Love-Expression Prayer, Others-Prayer*).

297 - Man in the Glory-Prayer (Heb. 7:24)

Jesus is our Intercessor who presents our prayers to the Father. Our prayers are presented perfectly because Jesus is the “man in the glory.” Jesus identified with us physically, and He knows our limitations (John 12:24; Rom. 6:9; Heb. 7:24-26; Rev. 1:18). (See *Intercessor’s-Prayer, Jesus’ Name-Praying*).

298 - Many Ways to Pray (Heb. 2:1-4)

There are many ways to pray, as evidenced by this appendix of practical *Principles of Prayer*. The book, *How to Pray*, by Elmer Towns (Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 2006), describes over 50 ways to pray (Exod. 15:11; Pss. 16:1, 69:17, 118:25, 119:5, 133; Lam. 5:21; Hab. 3:2; Luke 18:13, 23:24; 1 Tim. 2:1). (See *All Kinds of Faith-Prayer*).

299 - Marriage-Harmony Prayer (1 Peter 3:8)

One of the foundations for God answering the prayers of husbands and wives is for them to dwell together in harmony. “Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife...that your prayers may not be hindered” (1 Peter 3:7). (See *Family-Heritage Prayer, Spouse-Inspired Prayer*).

300 - Meal Thanksgiving or Blessing-Prayer (John 6:11)

When we give thanks before meals we recognize God the Creator has given us the food we enjoy that sustains our life and has given us that strength through our food to serve Him (1 Sam. 9:13; Matt. 14:19; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6; 1 Cor. 10:30-31; Col. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:3). (See *Food-Provision Praise, Provision of Food Praise*).

301 - Medical Answer-Prayer (James 5:15)

In a physical sickness God heals by the use of means (medicine, surgery, therapy, etc.) including prayer (James 5:13-16). (See *Daniel Fast, Healing Prayer, Sick-Person’s Prayer*).

302 - Meditation-Prayer (Josh. 1:9)

To meditate means to focus your thinking, to reflect on, or ponder over, to plan or project in the mind. As we meditate on God, we grow stronger and are motivated to act on what we’ve been thinking and praying. Christian meditation is the ability to hear God speaking to us and understanding what He is saying; that leads to obedient action. Perhaps a better definition of meditation prayer is “thinking God’s thoughts with Him.” This is thinking about God in His presence. It is thinking about the greatness of God and breaking into worship as we contemplate God’s power and mercy. In *Meditation Prayer* we don’t usually ask for things. However, we might ask for wisdom and understanding to learn more about

God so we might worship Him better. (See *Fellowship Prayer, Listening to Jesus-Prayer, Listening-Prayer, Silent-Prayer, Silent-Worship Prayer*).

303 - Memory-Praying (Pss. 77:11)

Memory-Praying is asking God to help you remember good things in the past so that we can serve Him more effectively in the present and future. We ask God to remind us of our failures and sins so we can repent and change our lives for a better future (Pss. 25:6-7, 42:4, 63:6, 77:11, 105:5, 106:4; Hab. 3:2). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Forgiveness-Transformation Prayer, Repentance-Prayer*).

304 - Mercy-Prayer (Pss. 6:2)

This is a cry for mercy when we are in desperate straits and we want forgiveness and deliverance. This is a prayer for mercy when we know we've sinned or done wrong. This prayer is based on God's mercy (Exod. 34:7; Deut. 5:10; Ezra 3:11; Neh. 1:5; Pss. 4:1, 6:2, 21:7; Isa. 45:10; Titus 3:5). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Forgiveness-Transformation Prayer*).

305 - Mercy-Appreciation Prayer (Hab. 3:2)

Thanksgiving is a general prayer offered in appreciation to God for the many things He gives us that are necessary or beneficial to our life. However, when we thank God for His mercies, we remember that God could punish us for our sins, or He could withhold good from us because of our selfishness or laziness. But in mercy God forgives our sins, and in mercy He uses us, and in mercy He protects us and gives us things we don't deserve; then we offer a prayer of *Mercy-Appreciation*. (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Forgiveness-Transformation Prayer, Memory-Praying*).

306 - Mercy-Seat Praying (Heb. 9:5)

The mercy seat was the lid on a box called the Sacred Chest. God didn't sit on a golden throne, but upon the lid of a box where blood was applied for forgiveness of sin. God likes to be where blood is applied to forgive sin. When we come to God through the blood of Christ, we get our prayers answered (Lev. 16:14, 17:11; Rom. 3:25; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:5; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 1:7; Rev. 1:6, 5:9, 7:14). (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer, Forgiveness-Prayer*).

307 - Minutia-Prayer (Phil. 4:6)

We must pray for little things as well as big problems in life. Every big problem is made up of an inestimable number of smaller problems, so we pray about little things to help solve big problems, before they become big. (See *Continual-Prayer, Intermittent-Prayer*).

308 - Mizpah Benediction-Prayer (Gen. 31:49)

This is a positive agreement between believers to pray for one another after they separate, asking God to “watch over” the other one. (See Gen. 31:49). (See *Benediction-Bless Prayer*).

309 - Model-Church Prayer (Acts 11:26)

We should all pray that our own local church would become a model church like the Antioch church. The Antioch church was successful because (1) it was an evangelistic church (Acts 11:19); (2) it preached the Word (11:19); (3) it focused on Jesus (11:20); (4) it was committed to Christ (11:23); (5) it was a growing church (11:24); (6) it was a teaching church (11:25); (7) it was a giving church (11:28); (8) it was a sacrificing church (13:2); (9) it was a missionary-sending church (13:3); and (10) it was a multiracial church (11:20, 13:1). But most of all the Antioch church was a spiritual church that “prayed” (13:3), “fasted” (13:2-3), and worshiped, that is, “ministered to the Lord” (13:2). (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:1-4, 42-47; 11:26). (See *Organized-Corporate Prayer* and various *Church prayers*).

310 - Money-Prayer (Acts 2:44)

While most people pray for more money for their Christian project or themselves, the *Money-Prayer* forces us to look at our money and belongings from God’s perspective. Money or belongings should not possess us. We must yield them to God and ask Him to give us wisdom to use our money for His purposes and glory (Deut. 15:7; Pss. 112:9; Prov. 11:24, 25; Luke 6:35; Acts 2:44, 45; 4:34-37; Rom. 12:8, 13; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:1, 2, 9, 12; Phil. 4:12, 19; 1 Tim. 6:6-18; Heb. 13:16). (See *Dedication of Money Prayer, Provision of Food-Praise*).

311 - Morning-Prayer (John 21:4)

Often the darkness of nighttime will take away our joy. But morning offers new hope and new opportunities to serve God. Sunrise suggests a new chance at life. So we should begin every new morning with a prayer to God. We should expect to meet Christ every morning (Job 38:7; Pss. 130:6; Isa. 27:12; Lam. 3:23; Mark 16:12; Luke 1:78, 24:15; John 20:14). (See *Daily-Prayer, First Prayer Each Day, Lord’s-Prayer, New-Day Praise*).

312 - Mountain-Moving Prayer (Mark 11:23, 24)

We can use our faith supernaturally to move God’s work forward, when we pray to remove barriers, opposition or inertia. “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you,

whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*” (Mark 11:23, 24). (See *Interventional-Praying, Supernatural Praying, Unlimited Prayer in Christ*).

313 - Mourning the Dead-Prayer (Gen. 23:1-3)

There is a proper time to mourn when a special person dies, but we must get up as did Abraham (Gen. 23:1-3), leave the cemetery symbolically, and go on with the life God has for us. There is “a time to weep...a time to laugh” (Eccl. 3:4). (See *Discipline-Prayer, Leave the Cemetery-Prayer*).

314 - Multiplication of Disciples-Prayer (Acts 18:24-26)

Paul taught by example and principle that we are to pour our lives into another believer, who in turn would do the same thing to the third and fourth generations. We should be producing disciples who are reproducers. Our students should pour their lives into four generations of believers. When they reproduce themselves in a fourth generation the cycle is verifiable, that is, it will continue (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 18:24-26; Rom. 16:26; 2 Tim. 2:2). (See *Disciple Fast and Prayer, Evangelistic-Prayer, Growth-Prayer, Growth in Christ-Prayer, Soul Winner's-Prayer*).

315 - Mystery of Prayer (1 Cor. 13:12)

We pray with many different emotions and expectations. Only God fully understands the mystery of our relationship with Him. “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known” (1 Cor. 13:12). (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Diversionary-Answer to Prayer, Limitation-Prayer, Unknown-Answer to Prayer*).

316 - Name of Jesus-Prayer (John 14:13)

Using Jesus’ name in prayer is not a magical key to unlocking heaven’s door. When we pray in Jesus’ name, we reveal our relationship with Jesus Christ. Praying in Jesus’ name not only identifies us with Jesus’ death on the cross, but it also identifies us with the new life of His resurrection. Also when we pray in Jesus’ name, we go to the Father through Jesus’ intercession for us. That way we can get as close to God the Father as Jesus can. Also we can pray in Jesus’ name because of our *friendship factor* with Christ; He calls us friends (John 15:14). Finally, we get answers because Jesus indwells us (Gal. 2:20). (See *Asking-Prayer, Intercessor's-Prayer* and the various *Jesus* prayers).

317 - Natural-Bless Prayer (Matt. 5:45)

You can add value to the normal life of a recipient, without necessarily appealing for supernatural intervention (see Gen. 39:5; Job 1:10; Matt. 5:45). (See various *Bless* prayers).

318 - New Birth Praise-Prayer (Titus 3:5)

We praise God for our new birth by the work of the Holy Spirit. Salvation is a door with two sides. One side is our works, repentance, seeking God, and calling out His name. The other side is God's work that begins with regeneration. God gives us a new nature with new desires. We must show thanks to God for the gift of the new birth and praise Him for the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts (Ezek. 36:26-27; Jer. 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:26; 1 Peter 3:2; Titus 3:5). (See *Praise of Forgiveness, Salvation-Appreciation Prayer, Thanksgiving for Redemption-Prayer, Transforming-Prayer*).

319 - New Convert-Thanksgiving Prayer (2 Thess. 1:3)

We can give praise to God for our being used by Him to win someone to Christ and giving thanks for those saved through our ministry (Rom. 1:8; 2 Thess. 1:3, 2:13). (See *Evangelistic-Praying, Soul Winner's-Prayer*).

320 - New Covenant-Praying (Heb. 8:8)

Under the New Covenant we come directly to God without going through a Levitical priest as in the Old Testament. Now we come to God based on a personal and intimate relationship with the Father. We come because we know God inwardly and spiritually, not as Old Testament saints who went to God through the tabernacle/temple (Ezek. 36:26-27; 2 Cor. 3:6-18; Heb. 8:8; 1 John 1:7). (See *Torn-Veil Prayer*).

321 - New Testament Prayer Possibilities (John 16:24)

When Jesus used the phrase "Until now you have asked nothing in My name" (John 16:24), He meant that Old Testament prayers did not come through Jesus. But in the New Testament the believer is now a spiritual child of his heavenly Father, so prayer is personal and guaranteed when made through Jesus. He told His disciples, "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you" (Matt. 7:7, 21:22; John 15:7, 15; Eph. 2:18, 3:14, 20; Heb. 4:14, 16; 7:24-26, 10:19, 20; 1 John 2:1, 5:14-16). (See *Asking-Prayer, Jesus' Name-Praying, Name of Jesus-Praying, New Covenant-Praying, Torn-Veil Praying*).

322 - New-Day Praise (Pss. 98:1)

We should have a new song to sing to God every day. While we are grateful for yesterday and the things we learned yesterday, today is a better day to praise God. Also, we look forward to tomorrow and what God will do for us then. Today is the greatest day of our lives because we can praise Him and serve Him now (Pss. 18:18, 35:28, 98:1; Heb. 3:7, 13; James 4:13). (See *Daily-Prayer, First Prayer Each Day, Morning-Prayer*).

323 - “No” Answers to Prayer (Isa. 59:1, 2)

(See *Blocked-Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer, Unanswered-Prayer, Unbiblical-Prayer*). Not all prayers will be answered “yes”; sometimes God says “no” for various reasons (see the following “No” Answers to Prayer).

“No...for right now”

Sometimes God tells us to wait for an answer, and we don’t ever get an assurance that God will answer in the future. So we must continue living and serving God by faith, not knowing if the answer will ever come.

“No...I can’t undo history”

We can’t undo the past by divine intervention. God won’t make an unfortunate marriage never to have happened, or a baby never to be born. We must learn to accept history and the circumstances of life that have happened to us in the past. But we can change the future.

“No, I have a better plan for your life”

Sometimes we pray too small or too low, when God wants to give us something better. Elijah was so discouraged he prayed to die, “LORD, take my life” (1 Kings 19:4). But God had a better plan, “How about going to heaven with a ‘chariot of fire?’” (See 2 Kings 2:11).

“No, I’ve got a better idea”

Sometimes we tell God how to answer our prayers, but God tells us “No” because He will answer another way.

“No, that would hurt others” (James 4:3)

Sometimes we ask selfishly and if God answered, it would hurt someone else. An answer may hurt another financially, physically, or socially.

“No, that’s not the way I do it”

Sometimes we not only pray for God’s intervention, but we also tell Him how to answer, or when to answer, or where to answer. But God’s ways are not our ways (Isa. 55:8).

“No, that’s presumptuous”

Sometimes we ask God to do the impossible, or the improbable. We ask God to work in ways He doesn’t work. Can we ask God to bless acts of stealing, lying, adultery, or murder? Have we asked God to bless our greed, or violent temper?

“No, you are basing your prayer on a lie”

Sometimes we know better than to ask God to do certain things that are against His nature. We cannot ask God to do something when we know better in our hearts that it’s wrong.

“No, you are breaking the rules” (Pss. 66:18)

Sometimes we have sin in our lives, and we ask God to bless the sinful actions we do, or to bless us in spite of our sin.

“No, you can’t base your prayers on that Bible promise”

Sometimes we quote a Bible promise out of context, or we apply a verse to the wrong circumstances. Can we pray to defy gravity because Peter walked on water? We must know the differences between a *description* of a situation in Scripture that is not meant for us, and a *prescription* in Scripture that applies to us.

324 - Non-Answer to Prayer (Pss. 18:41)

Sometimes God doesn’t respond to our prayers in any way. It’s when God doesn’t say “yes,” or “no,” or “wait”; He just doesn’t say anything. (See *Blocked-Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer, Unanswered-Prayer*, and various “No” *Answers to Prayer* prayers).

325 - Non-Anxiety Prayer (Phil. 4:6, 7)

We should not be anxious over things in our life, but we should bring all our worries, problems and concerns—everything—to God in prayer (Phil. 4:6-7). (See *Peaceful Living-Prayer, Waiting in Prayer*).

326 - Non-Violence Prayer (Luke 6:28)

The Lord has told us to “bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you” (Luke 6:28). When an enemy makes our faith an issue, we should pray for our enemies. There are times we should defend ourselves as did David (1 Sam. 17:26-46). Jesus taught there are times we should retreat (Matt. 10:23), as did Isaac (Gen. 26:17-25). (See *Enemy-Strategy Praying, Evangelistic-Prayer, Soul Winner’s-Prayer*).

327 - Obedient-Prayer (Col. 2:6)

Christ said often, “Follow Me,” so obedience is walking behind Him with our eyes on Jesus. It is a disciplined life, a victorious life, a serving life, filled with courage and love. We must obey God to get the thing for which we ask. It is also our reaction to the work of God in our heart that gives us a new desire to please and serve Him. Our obedience and self-discipline did not initiate with us, but with God who works in us to will and do (Deut. 5:32; Josh. 1:7; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:2; Gal. 6:9, 10; Phil. 1:11, 2:13; Col. 1:10; 1 Tim. 5:10; 2 Tim. 2:21; Titus 3:1; Heb. 13:21; 1 Peter 2:10; 1 John 2:3, 4; Rev. 22:14). (See *Discipline-Prayer, Race-Preparation Prayer, Self-Control Prayer, Self-Discipline Prayer*).

328 - Obligation-Prayer (1 Tim. 2:1 ff.)

We pray because we are expected to pray. We pray because we are people of prayer. Also, prayer is our first response to a crisis, problem, or situation. We pray because God works in us before God works through us. We pray to bring God into a problem, and through prayer we ask God to do something to solve the crisis. (See *Problem-Solving Prayer, Protection-Prayer*).

329 - Obstinate-Prayer (2 Cor. 11:4)

Expression of our determination to stand for the truth of the gospel as found in the Bible and to stand against heresy that denies the fundamentals of the faith. When we don't face heresy, we need the inward tenacity to stand for God. We need strength in the *Prayer of Obstinacy* (Gal. 2:11; 2 Cor. 5:16, 11:4, 21-28; Jude 3). (See *Disentanglement-Prayer*, *Guarding Our Legacy-Prayer*, *Heresy-Condemning Prayer*).

330 - Offense of the Cross-Prayer (Gal. 5:11)

We must accept the insults and hatred of the world toward the cross, because the world thinks the message of the cross is foolish. God says it is the power of God to salvation (1 Cor. 1:18). We should pray that the message of the cross will be influential through our testimony (1 Cor. 1:18, 23; Gal. 5:11; 1 Peter 2:8-9). (See *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Pain-Praying*, *Persecution-Prayer*, *Protection-Prayer*, *Suffering-Prayer*).

331 - Old Nature-Praying (Eph. 4:22, 23)

Because we have an old nature, we must constantly surrender any inclination to obey the old nature, and constantly allow the new nature to control our lives (Eph. 4:22-23). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer*, *Deceitful-Heart Prayer*).

332 - One-Hour Prayer (Mark 14:37)

We are told to "pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1), and to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). But the only length suggested for prayer is "one hour," so it seems all believers ought to pray that long—at least once in their life (Pss. 1:2, 5:3, 42:8, 55:17, 88:1; Jer. 12:5; Matt. 7:7). (See *All-Time Praying*, *Continual-Prayer*, *Intermittent-Prayer*).

333 - Oneness-Prayer (Phil. 2:2)

This is when we join together with others or with just one other person to pray in the oneness of spirit. (Also see *Communion-Prayer*, *Fellowship-Praying* and various *Agree* prayers).

334 - Opposition-Intercession (1 Thess. 2:18)

When we face opposition in our personal life or in our ministry, we must intercede to God (1) for victory; (2) for strength to endure opposition; (3) for God's will relating to opposition; (4) for the spread of the gospel in the face of opposition (Pss. 106:47, 148:14; Rom. 8:37; 1 Cor. 15:57). (See *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Offense of the Cross-Prayer*, *Persecution-Prayer* and various *Victory* prayers).

335 - Optional Answer-Prayer (Mark 10:38)

Sometimes when we pray for an answer to a problem God gives us more than one choice as an answer to our problem. (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer*, *Diversionsary-Answer to Prayer*, *Directional Answer-Prayer*).

336 - Organized-Corporate Prayer (Luke 19:46)

The place where believers gather (church building) should (1) be a location for prayer; (2) where they agree together (Matt. 18:19); (3) where they renounce selfish desires (Acts 4:31, 32); (4) where they continue in prayer; (5) where they organize themselves for prayer; and (6) where they experience God's presence (Isa. 56:7; Mal. 1:11; Matt. 21:13; Mark 11:17; John 4:21-23; 1 Tim. 2:1-5). (See *Agreement-Prayer*, *Model Church-Prayer*).

337 - Others-Prayer (Jude 22)

We are exhorted by Jude to attempt to win some other people to salvation, "And on some have compassion, making a distinction" (Jude 22). We begin by interceding for their salvation. When the general and founder of the Salvation Army was too old physically to attend the group's annual convention, he sent them a telegram with one word, "Others." That was the attitude that made the Salvation Army influential worldwide (Matt. 5:43 ff., 22:39; Luke 10:29 ff.). (See *Evangelistic-Prayer*, *Love One Another-Prayer*, *Soul Winner's-Prayer*, *Redemption-Prayer*).

338 - Outreach-Prayer (Acts 4:29-31)

We should pray for the salvation of an unsaved person, asking God for his conversion. This also includes praying for evangelistic outreach programs to the unsaved/unchurched, whether through the church, media, foreign missions, etc. (See *Evangelistic-Prayer*, *Great Commission-Prayer*, *Soul Winner's-Prayer*).

339 - Overcoming-God's Inertia Prayer (Exod. 32:30-32)

Can prayer override God's omnipotent and omniscient plan for the world and those He loves? Since God is almighty and has a predetermined plan for the universe, how can the prayers of finite people override the plans of the Almighty superintendent of the universe? The only thing that could change God is God, but God cannot change. If God cannot be changed, then why pray? Because God is omnipotent and omniscient, He is smart enough to think up a comprehensive plan for the world to allow humans to exercise their freedom (to pray) and yet be subject to God's control in the final analysis. (See *Interventional-Prayer*, *Mountain-Moving Prayer*, *Supernatural-Prayer*, and various *Faith* and *Victory* prayers).

340 - Overcoming-Prayer (1 John 4:4)

We can overcome the world as we claim the power and victory of Jesus Christ who indwells us to enable us to overcome our problems, trials, and temptations. All believers must remember, “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). (John 10:28-30, 17:23; Rom. 8:10; 1 Cor. 6:13; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 3:7; 1 John 4:4). (See *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Interventional-Prayer*, *Supernatural-Prayer* and various *Victory* prayers).

341 - Pain-Praying (Pss. 38:6, 20, 21)

God’s people suffer pain for many reasons: (1) because they rebel against God and sin; (2) because of dumb decisions; (3) because of mistakes and failures; (4) because of germs, disease, or infection; (5) because of an accident; (6) because a person intentionally hurts us; (7) because of misunderstandings; (8) because of satan; (9) because of the consequences of evil to which we’ve given ourselves; and (10) because God allows circumstances to bring pain into our lives to bring us back to Him (Job 6:4; Pss. 6:1, 38:6, 20-21; 88:7, 15-16; Jer. 10:24, 30:11; Heb. 3:2, 12:5, 11). (See *Hedge-Protection Prayer*, *Protection-Prayer*, *Suffering-Prayer*, *Unknown Danger-Prayer*).

342 - Partial Answer-Prayer (Exod. 33:2-3)

Sometimes God answers our requests only partially and does not give us all the things we request. (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer*, *Divisionary Answer-Prayer*, *Directional Answer-Prayer*, *Unknown Answer to Prayer*).

343 - Partner-Prayer (Acts 3:1)

There are many illustrations of people praying together in Scriptures, for example, Peter and John (Acts 3:1), Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25), etc. Jesus promised prayers would be answered when two agree (Matt. 18:19). Recent prayer partners are Dwight L. Moody and R. A. Torrey, Billy Graham and J. Edwin Orr, Brother Worley and Jerry Falwell (Exod. 17:8-13; Est. 4:16; Eccl. 4:9-12; Matt. 18:19). (See *Two-Prayer*, *Support-Prayer*).

344 - Pastor-Prayer (2 Cor. 1:11)

We have an obligation to intercede for our church pastor’s life and ministry. Since everything rises and falls on leadership, our spiritual level as well as that of our church depends on the spiritual ministry of our pastor as he ministers to us as well as to others (1 Sam. 7:8; Rom. 15:30; 2 Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:18, 20; Phil. 1:19; Col. 4:3; 2 Thess. 3:1, 3; 1 Tim. 2:2; Philem. 1:22; James 5:16). (See *Church Leadership-Prayer*).

345 - Patience-Prayer (James 5:7-8)

We must ask God to make us more patient and then trust Him to develop His plan in our life. The command to be patient should be accompanied by our prayer to make it happen in our life (Luke 8:15; Rom. 15:4; 2 Cor. 6:4-5; Gal. 5:5, 6:9; Heb. 12:1-2; James 5:7-8). (See *Humility-Prayer, Non-Anxiety Prayer, Peaceful Living-Prayer, Wait-Prayer, Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

346 - Patient-Teaching Prayer (2 Tim. 4:2)

Requests for God to work in hearts of listeners when the Word is taught. Like seeds that don't give fruit immediately, we need patient-faith to continue our teaching ministry when we don't immediately see results (Matt. 13:30; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Tim. 4:2, 14-15). (See *Others-Prayer, Patience Needed Prayer*).

347 - Peaceful-Living Prayer (Heb. 12:14)

We should be thankful for peace with God and then pray for His peace to flood our souls. We should pray to live peacefully with the people we deal with daily, and pray for peace in our country and the world (Pss. 29:11; Isa. 32:17, 48:22, 55:12; John 14:27, 16:33, 20:19; Rom. 1:7; Eph. 2:14, 17; Phil. 4:7; Heb. 12:14). (See *Great Commission-Prayer, Government Leaders-Intercession, Non-Anxiety Prayer, Waiting in Prayer*).

348 - Perception-Expectation Prayer (1 Sam. 14:8)

Life is made up of perceptions that lead to expectations, and these two forces influence our faith when we pray. Saul expected to fail and did nothing (1 Sam. 14:2). His son, Jonathan, had bold faith and perceived he could defeat the enemy, so he went into battle expecting to defeat the enemy, so he won. We should pray to perceive correctly the culture in which we live, and pray to expect God's blessing in the things we do. (See *Asking-Prayer, Jesus' Name-Prayer* and various *Faith* prayers).

349 - Persecution-Prayer (2 Tim. 3:12)

This is a request for God to prepare us for a time of difficulty and persecution that is more serious than we presently have. Then we pray that God will keep us strong and true when persecution comes. We should pray (1) for our persecution; (2) for our testimony; (3) for grace to endure; and (4) for God to use our suffering for His glory (Pss. 37:12; Matt. 5:10; Luke 14:26-27, 22:15, 24:24; John 15:18-25; Acts 3:12, 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:11-12; 1 Peter 2:20-22, 3:14, 4:12-18; Rev. 1:9, 7:14). (See *Affliction-Prayer, Offense of the Cross-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Suffering-Prayer*).

350 - Persistent-Prayer (Matt. 7:7-8)

Jesus told us to “ask” (Matt. 7:7), because persistence is a reflection of our continued relationship with God. Technically, we can never break our relationship with God, just as earthly children will always be the children of their earthly parents who gave them birth. But we can break our fellowship with our heavenly Father by disobedience, inattention, or focusing our life away from Him. But if we continue in prayer, we continue in fellowship with the Father. This is a reflection of what Jesus said, “If you abide in Me...you will ask what you desire” (John 15:7). (See *Asking-Prayer, Continued-Prayer, Intermittent-Prayer, Jesus’ Name-Praying, Prevailing-Prayer*).

351 - Personal-Request Prayer (Rom. 15:36)

When we ask for others to pray for our personal needs or requests, we should pray for them in return (Matt. 18:19). There is power when we pray for others and with others (Matt. 18:19; Acts 1:14, 2:1-2, 4:24, 12:5; Rom. 15:30; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 1:19; Col. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:17, 25; Heb. 13:18-19). (See *Agreement-Prayer, Consensus-Prayer, Fellowship-Praying, Oneness-Prayer, Two-Prayer, Support-Prayer*).

352 - Perverted-Prayer (2 Cor. 6:17-18)

Our prayers are perverted when we wrongly base our prayers on error, wrong information, or a lie. We cannot expect God to answer perverted prayers. We will not get an answer when we pray for the opposite of God’s written will. Eve used perverted logic when she tried to defend herself from Satan by saying, “God has said, ‘You shall not... touch it’” (Gen. 3:3). God had only said, “You shall not...eat it,” Eve added her opinion about touching the tree (Matt. 4:1-11; Rom. 1:24; 2 Cor. 6:17; Col. 3:21). (See *Blocked-Prayer, False-Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer, Hypocritical-Prayer, Pretend-Prayer*).

353 - Physical Before Spiritual-Prayer (1 Cor. 15:46)

This deals with priority of attention. The physical has priority in life because the spiritual needs a physical home in which to express prayer, godliness, faith, and spiritual walk with God. However, the spiritual is not first. Therefore, we should give attention to our physical needs, and to work to provide for our physical needs (Gen. 36:31; 1 Chron. 1:43; 1 Cor. 15:46). (See *Jesus First-Prayer*).

354 - Pleasant-Smelling Prayer (Rev. 8:4)

Incense offered in the tabernacle or temple was symbolic of prayers that went up to God and were pleasing to Him. This focuses on pleasing God with our prayers, rather than focusing on the things we do or say in prayer (Exod. 30:1; Pss. 141:2; Luke 1:10; Rom. 13:14; Gal. 6:8; Heb. 4:15-16; James 3:18; Rev. 8:4). (See various *Worship* prayers).

355 - Pleasing God-Prayer (1 John 3:22)

We should put prayer before other activities in our life, so that we actually give up something that is necessary or desirable so that God has first place in our lives. God is pleased when we sacrifice to Him. When we live according to God's commands, and exercise diligent faith when we pray, we please Him (Matt. 7:24-25; John 8:29, 15:10; 1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Tim. 4:2; Heb. 11:6; 1 John 3:22). (See *Pleasant-Smelling-Prayer*, and various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

356 - Possibility-Praying (Mark 9:23)

Many want to claim this promise, "All things are possible for the person who believes." However, note the limitations of faith or belief. It's not how long you pray, how sincerely you pray, or how many times you pray. Belief or faith is a relationship to Jesus Christ. We must be in close relationship to Christ and then we must realize that Jesus gives us answers. God is the Giver, we are only the receiver (Gen. 18:14; Num. 11:23; Deut. 7:21; 1 Sam. 14:6; 2 Kings 7:1; Jer. 32:17; Zech. 8:6; Luke 1:37; Eph. 3:20; Phil. 4:13). (See *Asking-Prayer*, *Interventional-Prayer*, and various *Faith* prayers).

357 - Posture in Prayer (2 Sam. 7:18)

God does not hear our prayers because we are kneeling, folding our hands, or looking toward heaven. God hears our prayers because of the sincerity of our heart. However, our outward posture should reflect our inner response to God. God is more interested in the posture of our *heart* than He is in the posture of our *body*. Therefore, no single prayer posture is the "correct" one. We can sit, stand, kneel, or prostrate ourselves bowing with our face to the ground, or fold our hands. "Then King David went in and sat before the LORD" (2 Sam. 7:18). (See *Face-Down Worship*, and various *Worship* prayers).

358 - Powerful-Ministry Prayer (Acts 2:4)

This is what the believer seeks when preparing to serve the Lord. Power comes when believers (1) spend extended time in prayer; (2) pray together; (3) yield to the leading of the Spirit; and (4) are filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:53; John 7:37-39, 14:16-18; Acts 2:4; Rom. 15:13; Eph. 5:18). (See *Filling of the Spirit-Prayer*, *Holy Spirit-Praying*, *Spiritual Strength-Prayer*).

359 - Power-Praying (Rom. 1:16)

When we pray to receive salvation, it's more than believing the content of the gospel. It's receiving Jesus Christ, the Son of God into our life. He is alive and becomes the power that transforms our life (Rom. 1:16, 6:5-6; 1 Cor. 1:18, 24; 2:4, 15:1-3; Gal. 1:7-9; 1 Tim. 1:11). (See *Holy Spirit-Praying*, *Spiritual Strength-Prayer*, *Transforming-Prayer*).

360 - Power-Seeking Prayer (Matt 9:8)

We all want power of something, e.g., power of position, power of knowledge, power of money, etc. But God gives us power, “who had given such power to men” (Matt. 9:8), so much so that, “they were all amazed” (Mark 1:27). But this is not a spiritual gift of power, or healing, or miracles. No, that would limit power to only a few. Cannot all heal through prayer (see James 5:15), or do mighty works (John 14:12)? But power comes from the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), and not from ourselves. To get this power, we must enter the closet of prayer to seek to know God, to acquire the fruit of the Spirit, to understand spiritual things, and then we have power with God. That power is available to all, but few acquire it (Matt. 12:23, 15:31; Mark 2:12, 7:37; Luke 5:26, 7:16; John 14:12; Acts 1:8, 2:41). (See *Power-Praying, Spirit-Helped Prayer, Spiritual Strength-Prayer*).

361 - Praise for Forgiveness (Pss. 103:3)

Praise is the response of a grateful people because God has forgiven their sins and has given them an abundance of life (Exod. 32:32; 1 Kings 8:30 ff.; 2 Chron. 6:21 ff.; Pss. 25:18, 86:5, 103:3; Matt. 6:12; Mark 2:7, 11:25-26; 1 John 1:9). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Thanksgiving for Redemption*).

362 - Praise for God's Care (Eph. 3:20-21)

We should praise God for all He is, and all He has done for us, and even for all that we don't know (Eph. 3:20-21). (See *Face-Down Worship*, and various *Worship* prayers).

363 - Praise for God's Provision (Pss. 23:1)

God supplies our needs directly and through secondary means. We must praise God for giving us strength to work for food, and opportunities to work for finances that provide for our needs. God places us in situations where we may be full or empty, but through it all God provides for us (Gen. 48:15; Pss. 23:1, 37:3, 103:4, 5; Matt. 6:25-34; 1 Tim. 6:6-10; James 1:17). (See various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

364 - Praise for God's Sovereignty (Gen. 45:5)

Recognizing all that God does for us and thanking Him with exaltation and worship. We must thank God for both the good and bad days that bring us to the present time (Gen. 45:5, 7; Rom. 8:28). (See various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

365 - Praise-Sacrifice to God (Heb. 13:15)

We should worship God, offering Him praise, worship, and exaltation. Just as the Old Testament believers brought an animal sacrifice to worship God, today we offer worship to God by yielding our bodies as a sacrifice to do His will in all things (Pss. 50:14, 69:30-31,

107:21-22, 118:19, 136:1; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:15; Rev. 4:8, 5:9). (See *Face-Down Worship*, and various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

366 - Praise-Worship of God (Gal. 1:5)

We should worship God with praises for all He has done in and through us. When we praise God (1) we obey His command, (2) we expand our work for God, (3) we influence other Christians, and (4) we begin to “crucify” the desires of pride and ego that would destroy our walk with God (Pss. 41:13; Matt. 6:13; Rom. 11:36, 16:27; Eph. 1:12; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:18; Rev. 4:9-11). (See *Face-Down Worship*, and various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

367 - Praise-Worthy Prayer (Luke 10:21)

Praise comes from an old word for *prize* or *price*. When we praise God, we give Him the prize or price for who He is, or what He has done. Praise is favorable judgment, commendation, glorification, approval, thanksgiving, or worship (Pss. 9:1, 30:12, 40:3, 106:1; Rom. 1:8; Eph. 5:20; Rev. 5:11-12). (See *Face-Down Worship*, and various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

368 - Prayer-Excursion Prayer (Pss. 137:1-4)

When one person or a group of people journey to a certain geographical location (usually a distance from their home), they can pray for a specific need at that location. (See *Geographical-Prayer*, *Prayer-Journey Prayer*, *Prayer-Walking*).

369 - Prayer-Journey Prayer (Pss. 126:5-6)

When people walk from one destination to another, they can pray for the specific needs of those along their routes. (See *Geographical-Prayer*, *Prayer-Walking*, *Prayer-Excursion Prayer*).

370 - Prayer-List Prayer (1 Tim. 2:1 ff.)

Using a list of requests to guide our praying helps discipline our times of prayer so that nothing is left out and everything is included in our intercession. (See *Disciplined-Prayer*, *Self-Discipline Prayer*).

371 - Prayers Received by Christ (Heb. 7:8)

We will pray more effectively when we realize the prayers we offer on earth are received by Christ in heaven. He takes them and presents them to the Father (Heb. 7:8, 9:25). (See *Intercessor's-Prayer* and various *Jesus* prayers).

372 - Prayer-Walking (Gen. 13:17)

This is when individuals or groups of people come together to walk around a place or people and to pray for a specific need at that location, that is, “praying on site with insight” (see Joshua 1:2-5). (See *Geographical-Praying*, *Prayer-Excursion Prayer*, *Prayer-Journey Prayer*).

373 - Praying about Prayer (Matt. 6:5-13)

Because prayer is absolutely vital to our spiritual life, we must pray because: (1) it deepens our relationship with God; (2) it gives us inner peace and victory over negative emotions; (3) it protects us from evil; (4) it gets answers; (5) it gives insight into Scripture; and (6) it helps us influence others positively (Jer. 33:3; Matt. 7:7-8; Mark 11:22-24; John 14:13-14, 15:7, 15; James 4:2-4). (See *Asking-Prayer*, *Believing-Prayer*, *Definition of Prayer*, *Trusting-Prayer*).

374 - Praying Against the Lies of Your Enemy (Pss. 31:18)

We have difficulty dealing with those who lie about us, and we have to deal with the results in people who believe the “liars.” We must (1) pray for strength to deal with the situation; (2) pray for a truthful way to handle the situation; (3) pray for the salvation of the “liars;” and (4) pray God’s grace on them (Luke 6:27-31) so God can deal with them (Rom. 12:17-21). (See also Pss. 12:3, 31:18, 59:12, 63:11, 140:9-11; Isa. 54:17; John 8:44, 14:6). (See *Affliction-Prayer*, *Persecution-Prayer* and various *Truth* prayers).

375 - Pre-Answer to Prayer (Isa. 65:24)

Sometimes God works out circumstances before we pray, and then He can also answer after we pray. “Before they call, I will answer” (Isa. 65:24). (See *Waiting in Prayer*, *Waiting Anxiously in Prayer*).

376 - Pregnancy-Prayer (Gen. 25:22)

We should pray for our children before conception, and then ask God for healthy children and that they will come to know the Lord in salvation and grow in their faith (Gen. 25:22). (See *Asking-Prayer*, *Blessing Children-Prayer*, *Supernatural-Praying*).

377 - Presence of God-Prayer (Pss. 16:11)

We enjoy the presence of God because it strengthens us, heals us, and equips us to go back into an evil world. Sometimes God’s presence comes automatically when we pray, at other times we must ask for His presence. There are times when His presence becomes more real to us than other times and we seem to pray more effectively. We find peace and joy

in God's presence (Pss. 16:11, 27:5, 36:8, 37:4-5, 84:10; Acts 7:56; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21, 3:10-14). (See *Atmospheric-Worship*, *God-Pleasing Prayer* and various *Worship* prayers).

378 - Pretend-Prayer (Matt. 6:5)

A man went into the street to pray "that they may be seen of men" (Matt. 6:5). "Two men went up into the temple to pray..." (Luke 18:10). The first did not pray correctly, he only pretended he was communicating with God because he said, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men" (Luke 18:11). True prayer is communication with God; pretend prayer is impressing those who heard us pray, or deceiving ourselves into thinking we are praying, when we're not (Isa. 1:15; Matt. 6:5, 21:28-32; 1 Cor. 11:5; 1 John 5:16). (See *False-Prayer*, *Hypocritical-Prayer*, *Questionable-Praying*, *Wrong Motives in Prayer*).

379 - Prevailing-Prayer (Jer. 12:1)

God wants us to prevail in prayer. Many times our flesh is weak and we need to stay focused on the things for which we are praying. There are times when God will test our sincerity, or our determination by challenging us, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7). (See *Continued-Prayer*, *Intermittent-Prayer*, *Persistent-Prayer*).

380 - Priority-Faith Praying (Matt. 6:33)

We all have priorities, that is, what we do first when we arise in the morning, and what we do first at our job. Don't be surprised that God has priorities of things He wants done. We are more likely to get our prayers answered when our prayers match God's priorities. We should recognize the following priorities when we organize our time of prayer: (1) worship of God; (2) dedication of ourselves to holiness; (3) salvation of the lost; (4) the growth and health of believers; and (5) the growth and health of our local church. While this list is not complete, perhaps it reminds us that prayers for church buildings, or a salary increase, or other physical things are not as important as spiritual things (Prov. 3:9; Matt. 6:33; John 6:27 ff.; Acts 20:20). (See *Desperate-Prayer*, *Urgent-Prayer*).

381 - Priority-Praying (Acts 6:4)

Waiting tables in humanitarian projects is always good, but investing our time in prayer and Scripture is much more imperative. All work for God is good but prayer is imperative. We must (1) put prayer at the top of our priority; (2) pray about our work for God before we attempt to work for God; and (3) commit our time and energy to the priority of prayer (Exod. 17:4-13; Deut. 4:29; 2 Chron. 15:15; Pss. 34:4; Matt. 7:7; Acts 6:4; Col. 3:1). (See *First Prayer Each Day*, *Jesus First-Prayer*, *Morning-Prayer*, *Self-Discipline Prayer*).

382 - Problem-Solving Prayer (Acts 27:33)

Believers should pray about all the problems they face in their lives. Sometimes God answers supernaturally; other times God wants us to use our common sense to solve the dilemmas we face. There are five steps to problem solving. First, define the problem clearly so we know what is the dilemma. As we pray about a problem, it usually becomes clear what we must do, or in prayer God directs us to a solution. Second, gather as much data about the problem as possible. Third, arrive at a possible solution to our problem. Sometimes this is one among many solutions. Ask God to give wisdom to follow the best solution. Fourth, apply the solution; then test it to see if it's the answer. Again, we should pray over the solution after we've tried to solve it. Fifth, learn principles on how to solve that problem, and similar ones in the future (Exod. 15:25, 17:4; Num. 11:11, 14:10, 16:19; 1 Sam. 30:6; Pss. 50:15, 91:15, 99:6; Jer. 15:1). (See *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Desperate-Prayer*, *Emergency-Prayer*, and the various *Victory* prayers).

383 - Promise of the Holy Spirit-Prayer (Gal. 3:14)

This is requesting and receiving all the benefits promised to us by the Holy Spirit: (1) eternal life; (2) indwelling; (3) illuminating; (4) guidance; (5) sealing; (6) earnest of future blessings; and (7) His intercession for us (Joel 2:28; Zech. 12:4, 6; Luke 11:13; John 7:39; Acts 1:4-5, 2:1-4; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:13; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:22). (See *Filling of the Spirit-Prayer*, *Holy Spirit-Praying*, *Spirit-Helped Prayer*).

384 - Promise of Spiritual Giftedness-Praying (Rom. 12:3-8)

This is asking God to reveal to us our specific abilities, how to use them, when to use them, and where they will be effective. It's also praying for God to use our giftedness for His service and glory (Matt. 25:14, 15; Rom. 12:6, 8; 15:25; 1 Cor. 4:7, 12:4, 11; Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 1:6; 1 Peter 4:10). (See *Spirit-Helped Prayer*, *Spiritual-Gift Praying* and various *Spiritual* prayers).

385 - Propitiation Intercession-Prayer (1 John 2:2)

This is the prayer of Jesus to cleanse us from all sins, because His blood is sufficient to forgive the whole world; yet, His blood is efficient for those who repent and believe (John 1:29; Rom. 3:25-26; 2 Cor. 5:18; 1 Peter 1:18-20, 3:18; 1 John 2:2). (See *Forgiveness Prayer*, *Forgiveness-Transformation Prayer*).

386 - Prosper Bless-Prayer (Deut. 28:1-4)

This is when the blessing speaks or prays God's promise of physical and material blessing into the recipient's life (see Gen. 28:3; Deut. 28:1-4). (See various *Blessing* prayers).

387 - Protection-Prayer (Isa. 43:2, 3)

This is when you pray for God Himself to become a hedge around the recipient's life to protect him or her from the evil one. We should pray for God's protection, and yield ourselves to Him. But we should not tell God how to protect us. (1) God protects by guardian angels (Matt. 18:10; Heb. 12:2); (2) by sovereign acts; (3) by arranging circumstances; (4) by divine intervention; (5) by timing; and (6) by means we don't know about. However, God allowed Stephen (Acts 7:60) and James (Acts 12:1) to be martyred while He delivered Paul after stoning (Acts 14:20) (Gen. 12:3; Job 1:10; Pss. 84:11, 128:5-6; Rom. 12:20; Heb. 13:6). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Hedge-Protection Prayer, Spiritual-Protective Prayer, Triumphant-Prayer*).

388 - Provision of Food Praise (Pss. 65:9-11)

God has created us with bodies that need food and fuel for energy to grow and work. Without the provision of sun, rain, and soil, our food wouldn't grow. So we must thank God for His provision of food for our health and strength. We must praise God for His plan for our physical life on earth (Gen. 1, 2:9; Pss. 65:9-11, 136:25; Prov. 6:8; Matt. 6:11; 1 Tim. 6:18, 19). (See *Food-Provision Praise, Meal-Thanksgiving or Blessing Prayer, Strength and Nourishment Prayer*).

389 - Purity-Praying (2 Peter 3:1)

Because our old nature constantly pulls us away from God, we must constantly pray and strive to be pure from sin. We must fill our minds with Scripture and the purity of Jesus Christ. Purity praying is repenting of evil thoughts and asking God to fill our minds with His purity (Dan. 12:10; Gal. 5:17-21; Eph. 5:3-5; Titus 2:14; James 4:8; 1 Peter 1:22; 2 Peter 3:1; 1 John 3:3). (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer, Crucifixion-Prayer, Holiness-Prayer, Separation-Prayer*).

390 - Questionable-Praying (Acts 1:24)

It is commendable that the early church prayed about the first decision it faced, that is, who should take Judas' place. Whether their decision was right or wrong is not the issue. It was their passion for prayer and their example of prayer that speaks to us. Many feel they should have waited for Paul, an apostle born out of due season (1 Cor. 15:8). (See *False-Prayer, Hypocritical-Prayer, Wrong Motives in Prayer*).

391 - Race-Preparation Prayer (Heb. 12:1)

The Christian life is a race; it is both a dash and a marathon. We must get rid of sin that hinders us, and discipline ourselves to run without baggage that would slow us down. We must remember others who have run well and look constantly to Jesus who is our goal and

prize (Luke 9:26; 1 Cor. 9:24, 27; Gal. 5:7; Phil. 2:16, 3:10-14; Heb. 12:1). (See *Disciplined-Prayer, Goal-Striving Prayer, Running a Good Race-Prayer*).

392 - Recognizing God's Creative Power-Prayer (Pss. 97:5)

One of the many reasons we must worship God is His power in creating the universe, sustaining the universe, and His power to judge in the last days (Pss. 30:4, 60:6, 97:5; Hab. 1:12-13; Heb. 12:10). (See *Creation-Inspired Worship*).

393 - Recognizing God's Presence in Prayer (Gen. 16:13)

God is with us all the time, but often we do not realize it. However, when we need deliverance from our problems, temptations and trials, we must recognize God's presence in our prayers and ask Him to help us (Pss. 91:3-11, 139:7-13). (See *Atmospheric-Worship, God's Presence Blessing, God-Recognition Prayer, Presence of God-Prayer*).

394 - Redemption-Worship (Rev. 5:12)

Believers will worship God in heaven because of their redemption. Just as we now worship Christ for our redemption, so we will worship Him in heaven for redemption (John 3:35-36, 17:2; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:17; Rev. 5:12). (See *Crown-Casting Worship, and various Worship and Praise prayers*).

395 - Redemptive Prayer for the Lost (Rom. 10:1)

We pay the price in redemptive intercession so that lost people are saved. In redemptive praying we identify ourselves with the ones for whom we are praying. It is physically draining and emotionally exhausting because the sin of those for whom we pray may break our hearts. (See *Evangelistic-Prayer, Soul Winner's-Prayer, Unsaved-Prayer*).

396 - Rejoicing for Others-Prayer (Phil. 1:4)

This is pouring out to God your happiness for the spiritual growth of other people so that we rejoice with them in their victories and spiritual growth (Phil. 3:17-18, 4:1). (See *Loving-People Prayer, Others-Prayer*).

397 - Rejoicing in Prayer (Pss. 5:11)

The emotional expression of joy and happiness to God because of what He has done for us in the past and for what He will do at the triumphant return of Jesus to earth (Deut. 32:43; 1 Sam. 2:1; Pss. 5:11, 9:14, 48:11, 63:7, 98:4; Prov. 29:2; Isa. 66:10, 14; Zech. 9:9; John 16:22; Phil. 1:18, 2:17, 3:1, 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16; 1 Peter 1:8; Rev. 19:7). (See *Anticipating His Return, Waiting for Christ's Return-Prayer, Watchful-Prayer*).

398 - Reluctant Answers to Prayer (Gen. 6:6)

There are times when God doesn't immediately answer when we pray. Yet God may reluctantly or hesitantly answer our prayer. Because of Israel's sin, God told Moses, "I will not go up in your midst...for you *are* a stiff-necked people" (Exod. 33:3). But Moses kept praying, "If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here" (Exod. 33:15). Then God acquiesced to Moses' request, "My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest" (Exod. 33:14). When the Bible says, "the LORD was sorry" (Gen. 6:6), it does not mean that God changes His mind, "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change" (Mal. 3:6). This means His nature cannot change. But when people change, God acts differently toward them. A person may be blessed by God for obedience, but when the person sins, God must act differently to respond to their sin. (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Directional Answer-Prayer, Overcoming God's Inertia-Prayer*).

399 - Repentance-Prayer (Matt. 3:2, 8)

Repentance means to turn around. *Repentance-Prayer* realizes we have broken God's commands and we are sorry for what we have done. We confess our sin and ask to be restored to God's fellowship (1 John 1:9). Then we ask God to cleanse us and in repentance promise not to return to that sin (Pss. 66:18; John 9:31). True repentance is reflected in: (1) acknowledgment of personal responsibility for sin (Pss. 31:4); (2) godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:9); (3) forsaking sin (Isa. 55:7); (4) asking God for forgiveness; and (5) bearing fruit that reflects repentance (Matt. 3:8, *ELT*) (Pss. 51:4-6; Isa. 1:18, 55:7; Ezra 8:31; Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:8-10). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Restorative Prayer, Sin-Realization Prayer, Sin-Stopping Prayer*).

400 - Reserved-Prayer (John 11:33)

This is coming to God with a reserved attitude because we are not sure what we should ask. "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You" (John 11:22). (See *Trusting-Prayer*, and various *Wait* prayers).

401 - Resistance-Prayer (John 9:31)

This comes from a resistant heart where we want to do our own will, and not the will of God. Sometimes resistance prayer tries to substitute something in place of God's perfect will for our life. Sometimes resistance prayer just hinders God's will and gives every excuse possible why we shouldn't do God's perfect will. (See *Blocked-Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer, Yielding to God in Prayer* and various "No" Answers to Prayer prayers).

402 - Responsibility-Praying (Pss. 5:7)

When God calls, we must answer in prayer with responsiveness and readiness. God knows our name and He can meet our need. We are close enough to God to recognize His voice, and to respond positively to Him. (See *Continue in Prayer, Intermittent Prayer, Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer*).

403 - Restoration of Fallen Believers-Prayer (Gal. 6:1)

This is a request by a spiritual believer for a backslidden sinner to be convicted of his or her sin, then to turn back to God. This prayer also requests wisdom, ability, and humility to deal with them (Rom. 14:1, 15:1; Gal. 6:1; Heb. 12:13; James 5:19). (See *Love One Another-Prayer, Others-Prayer, Restorative-Prayer*).

404 - Restorative-Prayer (Isa. 55:7)

After we've sinned, we don't feel like praying, and we probably are not spiritually able to pray. But we have an obligation to return to God. We must use *Restorative-Prayer* because it's the right thing to do. First, we must deal with our sin (see *Confession-Prayer*) (1 John 1:9); second, we must repent (Matt. 3:8). (See *Forgiveness-Prayer, Propitiation-Intercession Prayer, Repentance Prayer*).

405 - Resurrection-Inspired Praying (1 Cor. 15:50)

The resurrection of Christ is the foundation for all praying, because: (1) we pray through Christ our advocate who intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father; (2) we are motivated to pray because of the indwelling Christ; and (3) we have a new relationship with the Father because we are made alive in Christ (Pss. 16:10; John 5:28-29, 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:50; Eph. 2:5-7; Col. 1:28; Heb. 7:24-25). (See *Intercessor's-Prayer, Man in the Glory-Prayer*).

406 - Reverent Praying (Pss. 111:10)

We must give total reverence and awe to God because there is none greater than He. He is all powerful (omnipotent), equally present in all places at all times (omnipresent), and all knowing of everything past, present, future, and all things potential that didn't happen (omniscient). (See *Face-Down Worship* and various *Worship* and *Praise* prayers).

407 - Revival of Our Nation-Prayer (2 Chron. 7:14)

We must pray against injustices in the world, asking God for spiritual revival by convicting society of its sin. Then we should pray for human leaders to call people back to God and/or stand against a particular sin of injustice. We pray for a public recognition of the nation's sin and a public repentance. We are praying for God to hold back the tide of

iniquity that is destroying civilization. (See *Government Leaders-Intercession, Great Commission-Prayer, Revival Prayer*).

408 - Revival-Prayer (Pss. 85:6)

Revival happens when God pours His presence on His people. When a person faints, he must be revived. When God re-enters our life we get spiritual insight, renewed passion for prayer, vigor for Christian service, and there is a result called *atmospheric revival*, that is, we can experience God's presence, just as one feels moisture when it is not raining, but it is about to rain. Revival is not normative for daily living; it is therapeutic to restore us to the Spirit-filled life. Revival involves confession and repentance of sin, seeking God's forgiveness and cleansing and restoration of fellowship with Him (Pss. 84:6, 138:7; Isaiah 57:15; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17; Heb. 3:2). (See *Government Leaders-Intercession, Great Commission-Prayer, Revival of Our Nation-Prayer*).

409 - Reward-Prayer (1 Cor. 3:14)

We receive compensation for our prayers or any other type of gratuity for the work we do for God. We pray for God to work through us, and when He does, we may or may not be given compensation. However, our greatest rewards and the spiritual benefits we get from serving God are joy, peace, fruit, and the confidence we get from being used by Him. Besides that, we also know God will reward us in heaven (2 Chron. 31:20; Matt. 25:21; Luke 16:10; 1 Cor. 3:12-15, 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:9; 1 Tim. 5:21). (See *Fruit-Producing Prayer, Fruitful-Prayer*).

410 - Righteous-People Prayer (1 Peter 3:12)

We can claim the promise that "the eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, and His ears *are open* to their prayers" (1 Peter 3:12). The description "righteous" means: (1) they are declared righteous in justification, so they are God's children; and (2) they do the right things in their life (Pss. 11:4, 65:2; John 9:31; James 5:16). (See *Justification-Based Prayer, Propitiation-Intercession Prayer*).

411 - Running a Good Race-Prayer (Gal. 5:7)

This is asking God for strength and determination to finish the race we face in life (Gal. 5:7; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Phil. 3:14; 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 2:10). (See *Goal-Striving Prayer, Race-Preparation Prayer*).

412 - Sacrificial-Prayer (Heb. 13:15)

This is offering to God a sacrifice—not animals—but the sacrifice of praise to God with our lips. When we speak to God, giving Him first place with our lips, we offer a
"God

pleasing prayer.” (See *Commitment-Prayer, Giving Ourselves to God-Prayer, God-Glorifying Prayer, God-Pleasing Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

413 - Safe-Keeping Prayer (Pss. 4:8)

We can have confidence God will keep us safe until we have done the task God called us to do. The servants of God are invincible until the task is finished. Therefore call on God for protection because no one knows the hour when God will call us home (Deut. 12:10, 33:27; Pss. 4:8, 54:4, 91:1, 141:9; Eccl. 9:12; Isa. 43:1; Matt. 10:31; Luke 2:10). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Hedge-Protection Prayer, Protection-Prayer, Spiritual-Protective Prayer*).

414 - Saint Paul Fast and Prayer (Isa. 58:8)

This is a spiritual discipline when we fast and pray for wisdom in decision-making. In fasting, we gain a clearer perspective and insight as we make crucial decisions. In prayer, we delight ourselves in the Lord so that our desire becomes what He wants in this decision (see Pss. 37:4). We must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in our life so we can follow His principles in analyzing and making a decision (see Matt. 6:33). We must seek the Lord for the best decision to remain in the center of His will (see Rom. 12:1, 2). (See *Insight-Prayer, Spiritual-Truth Prayer, Spiritual-Wisdom Prayer, Wisdom-Directed Prayer*).

415 - Salvation-Appreciation Prayer (Rev. 7:10)

This is the grateful response of every believer to God because He has saved them (Pss. 3:8, 37:39, 68:19-20, 115:1; Isa. 43:11; Jonah 2:9; Zech. 9:9; Luke 3:6; John 4:22; Eph. 2:8-9). (See *New Birth Praise-Prayer, Praise for Forgiveness, and Thanksgiving for Redemption*).

416 - Salvation-Prayer (Luke 18:13)

This is a prayer to receive Jesus Christ for personal salvation (see Mark 10:14-16; Luke 6:28). Admit you have sinned (Rom. 3:23) and believe that Jesus Christ died for you (John 1:12), confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of your life (Rom. 10:9) and pray: Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that You died for my sins and arose from the grave. Come into my heart and save me. I receive You as my personal Savior. Amen. (See *New Birth Praise-Prayer, Praise for Forgiveness, Thanksgiving for Redemption*).

417 - Samuel Fast and Prayer (1 Sam. 7:6)

Fasting is a spiritual discipline in which we pray for revival and soul winning so that unbelievers get saved, and that God’s people enslaved by sin might be delivered. Samuel “gathered (Israel) together at Mizpah, drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD. And they fasted that day, and said there, ‘We have sinned against the LORD’ (1 Sam. 7:6). The

prayer of revival is, “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chron. 7:14). (See *Evangelistic-Praying, Soul Winner’s Prayer, Repentance Prayer, Revival Prayer*).

418 - Sanctification-Prayer (1 Thess. 4:3, 7)

This is a prayer of asking God to make us holy and keep us from sin. It is a prayer for self-discipline to keep separate from sin (Matt. 15:19; Acts 15:20, 29; 1 Cor. 3:16, 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; Gal. 5:9; Eph. 5:3, 5; Col. 3:5; 1 Peter 1:16). (See *Clean-Conscience Praying, Holiness-Prayer, Purity-Praying, Sanctification-Praying*).

419 - Sanctified-Praying (Heb. 10:14)

The word “sanctify” means “to separate” and has a threefold application: (1) thanking God for the new position in Christ we received in *past sanctification* when we accepted Christ as Savior; (2) asking God to continue working in our lives in *present sanctification* to keep us from the power of sin; (3) thanking God for *future sanctification* when we will be separated from the presence of sin (Acts 20:32, 26:13; Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:14, 2:11; Jude 1). (See *Holiness-Prayer, Purity-Praying, Sanctification-Prayer, Separation-Prayer*).

420 - Sanctuary-Prayer (Rev. 21:22)

God was present in the Old Testament in the tabernacle/temple. A sanctuary is a place where God dwells. Now all believers are indwelt by Christ, so that makes their bodies His sanctuary. Therefore, when we pray from our hearts, we are praying from our sanctuary (1 Kings 8:10-11, 27; Isa. 66:1; John 1:14, 4:23; Col. 1:27, 2:9, 3:1-3; Rev. 21:22). (See *Christ’s Indwelling-Prayer, Christ Formed in Us-Prayer, Torn-Veil Prayer* and various *Jesus prayers*).

421 - Sarcastic-Worship (John 19:2-3)

Throughout Christian history there have been public “Christian” acts of worship by people who don’t know Christ. Whether it’s public prayer or some other “Christian” recognition, it doesn’t bring honor to Christ, any more than did the crown of thorns on the head of Christ. “Why would the world take something so special like the crown we give to Christ, and mock it?” (Pss. 22:6; Isa. 53:3; Matt. 27:27-31; Mark 15:17-20; Luke 23:11). (See *False-Prayer, Hypocritical-Prayer, Pretend-Prayer*).

422 - Satanic-Prayer (Rev. 13:13)

In the future tribulation, satan’s representative (the antichrist) will copy the work of God and bring fire from heaven in the sight of people, just as the Holy Spirit did on the day of

Pentecost (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:1-4; Rev. 13:13). (See *False-Prayer*, *Hypocritical-Prayer*, *Sarcastic-Worship*).

423 - Say-It-Faith Prayer (Mark 11:23)

When the intercessors have confident faith in God that their prayers are both heard and will be answered, they can (1) announce the prayer goal publicly; (2) ask specifically for the request; and (3) know that with confidence they will receive their request because they pray in faith. Some illustrations of *Say-It-Faith* are: Hannah praying for a son (1 Sam. 1:7-19); Elijah praying for rain (1 Kings 18:42); Elisha praying for his servant to see angels surrounding them (2 Kings 6:16-17) (Matt. 21:21; Rom. 4:18 ff.; Heb. 11:6, 17; James 5:17, 18; 1 John 5:14-15). (See *Asking-Prayer*, *Interventional-Prayer*, *Mountain-Moving Prayer*, *Supernatural-Prayer*, and various *Faith* prayers).

424 - Scoffer-Avoidance Prayer (Prov. 21:24)

Because the scoffer thinks he is always right, he can't see right principles nor live by them. He constantly tears down anything that disagrees with his orientation to life; he is not a positive builder in life. He doesn't build up himself, he doesn't build up his family, nor does he build up his friends. The scoffer who thinks he knows it all actually can't listen to those who want to help him, nor will he listen to Christian leaders who try to correct him or give him God's principles by which he should live. "Scoffers set a city aflame, but wise *men* turn away wrath" (Prov. 29:8). The scoffer is headed toward punishment or destruction. "Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). One of the problems with pride is that it creates a false security in the scoffer when in fact they suffer the consequences of their own ignorance. The scoffer has no confidence in God's ability to guide him by right principles. Self-will and rebellion go hand in hand. "A haughty look, a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked *are* sin" (Prov. 21:4). We must ask God to protect us from scoffers and pray that the critical nature of a scoffer does not influence us (Prov. 14:6, 15:12, 19:25, 29; 21:24, 22:10, 24:9). (See *Accusation-Prayer*, *Affliction-Prayer*, *Defensive-Warfare Prayer*, *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Hedge-Protection Prayer*, *Protection-Prayer*).

425 - Scripture-Prayer (Col. 4:16)

In our prayers it is helpful to voice the words of Scripture. Our words are probably closer to the heart of God when we use Scripture in our prayers, than when we use our own words, thoughts, and requests. (See *Bible-Prayer*, *Word-Praying*).

426 - Searching for God in Prayer (Heb. 11:6)

We should search diligently to know God more intimately and have His presence manifested in our lives. The key to getting our prayers answered is searching by faith and

finding God (Pss. 105:4, 106:21; Isa. 55:6; Jer. 29:13; John 3:18-19, 4:23; Heb. 11:6). (See *God-Hunger Prayer, Hunger-Prayer, Thirsty-Prayer*).

427 - Self-Control Prayer (2 Tim. 4:5)

Prayer includes asking God to help us control ourselves so that we can live according to the standards of the Word of God. Jesus wants us to be disciplined. That's why He invited men to be His disciples (Luke 9:1, 23-26; Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5; 2 Tim. 4:5). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Discipline-Prayer, Race-Preparation Prayer*).

428 - Self-Denying Prayer (Mark 8:34)

The world teaches self-fulfillment, and self-actualization, and even self-pity. The fanatic goes to the opposite extreme, self-denial, self-groveling, self-hatred, or self-destruction. The true Christian doesn't become absorbed with self, either to praise it or to destroy it. Even Jesus said we must "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39). In this place Jesus didn't mean making self our chief love. No! We are to have a strong self-perception, not a weak self. We are to have a healthy self, not a sick self or a neurotic self. But the secret of the Christian life is to yield our self to God. When Jesus said, "deny himself" (Mark 8:34) or "say no to himself," He was telling us to give ourselves unreservedly to God. "No longer I...but Christ" (Gal. 2:20) (Matt. 10:38-39, 16:22-25; John 12:25-26; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:25, 6:14; Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 1:15; 2 Tim. 3:2). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Disciplined-Prayer, Self-Control Prayer, Self-Discipline Prayer*).

429 - Self-Discipline Prayer (Titus 2:5, 6, 12)

We should ask God to give us self-control so that we might serve Him more effectively and so that He might be glorified through us. Since inward control is the beginning of outward discipline, we must pray for God's help in the discipline process (Job 36:10; Matt. 10:24, 25; Luke 9:23, 14:26; Titus 2:5, 6, 12). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Disciplined-Prayer, Race-Preparation Prayer*).

430 - Separation-Prayer (2 Cor. 6:17)

A Christian should live in the world, and probably work among unsaved people with their ungodly lifestyle, but Christians shouldn't live by the world's sinful standards. There's a twofold concern: first, to influence the unsaved with righteousness so they can be won to Christ; second, to keep ourselves pure so sinners don't contaminate us with evil. We are "in the world, but not of the world" (John 17:15-16) (Num. 16:21, 26, 45; Ezra 6:21, 10:11; Prov. 9:6; Isa. 52:11; Acts 2:40; 2 Cor. 6:14-18). (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer, Crucifixion-Prayer, Holiness-Prayer, Purity-Praying, Self-Denying Prayer*).

431 - Servanthood-Prayer (Mark 9:35)

If we want power with God, we must serve our fellow traveler on this earth. Servanthood flows out of our intimacy with the Father. We must inwardly submit to God, knowing the pride and sinfulness of our human heart. If we are clean and humble, are we ready to serve? Servanthood is a gift we receive from God, and we give it to others. Jesus is the servant who ministers in us first, and then through us to others (Matt. 20:26; Mark 9:35, 10:43-45; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 5:8, 9, 12:2). (See *Laziness-Corrective Prayer, Service-Prayer, Worker's-Prayer*).

432 - Service-Prayer (Heb. 5:4)

God's call involves: (1) a burden to serve Him (I must); (2) a desire to serve Him (I want); and (3) fruit in past service (Mark 1:20, 3:23, 6:7, 8:1, 9:35; John 15:16; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 5:4). (See *Servanthood-Prayer, Worker's-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

433 - Sexual-Defense Praying (Prov. 7:18)

The New Testament suggests there are three things that tempt a person to sin, "For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:16). So, a whorish woman uses all three to tempt a man. First, she knows a man wants to satisfy his physical sexual appetite, so she offers him sex. Second, a whorish woman uses the lust of the eyes to tempt a man, so she casts her beauty and flashing eyes as a lure to tempt a man into a sexual tryst. Third, a whorish woman appeals to the pride of life, a man's ego, enticing a man by flattering him to be "Number One." A man's ego is independently rebellious to any control, so the trollop tempts him to stray from the path of God (Prov. 2:16, 17), come to her bed (Prov. 7:16), and to enjoy the experience of "prohibitive dreams" (Prov. 7:18). But what the man doesn't know is that when he thinks he is "Number One," the whorish woman has really won, and he is in her bondage. (See *Clean-Conscience Prayer, Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Purity-Prayer, Separation-Prayer*).

434 - Sibling-Intercession Prayer (Gen. 27:11)

We should pray for God's will to be accomplished spiritually and physically in the lives of our physical brother(s) and sister(s). This means yielding them to God in prayer and asking God to bless them. (See *Blessing Children-Prayer, Family Heritage-Prayer*).

435 - Sick Person's-Prayer (Pss. 41:3, 4)

This is a prayer for good health and healing. We can ask God to take away the cause of our sickness and give us healing and make us well (Exod. 15:26; Pss. 6:2, 41:3-4; Mal. 4:2;

Matt. 4:23, 10:1; Mark 3:15; Heb. 12:13; James 5:15). (See *Asking-Prayer, Daniel's Fast and Prayer, Healing-Prayer*).

436 - Silent-Prayer (Pss. 39:1-3)

The power of silence comes not from the absence of words but from the presence of God in our lives. Silent or “wordless” praying is a learned art and a skilled discipline. But silence is difficult because often it may seem as if nothing is happening. When we come silently to God, He shines the light of His presence into our souls and we realize that we can't offer any excuses for our failures or rationalize away any of our sin. Silence forces us to see our sins more clearly. Silence helps us change our actions and correct our bad decisions. (See *Fellowship-Praying, Silent-Worship Prayer, Solitude and Prayer*).

437 - Silent-Worship Prayer (Rev. 8:1)

Sometimes we wait in the presence of God, quietly and still. Some may think nothing is happening when nothing is said between two people, but even in silence, communication can take place. We learn from God in silence, and He receives communication from us (Pss. 35:22, 83:1; Eccl. 3:7; Isa. 41:1; Hab. 2:20; Rev. 8:1). (See *Intimacy-Prayer, Silent-Prayer, Written-Prayer*).

438 - Sin Unto Death-Prayer (1 John 5:16)

This is an intercession we are prohibited from praying. “If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death” (1 John 5:16). A sin unto death is a premature physical death of a sinning brother who has crossed God's line of mercy. We should not pray for him (Num. 15:30-31; 1 Sam. 2:25; Matt. 12:31-32; 1 Cor. 10:27-30; 2 Tim. 4:14; Heb. 6:4-6, 10:26-31; 2 Peter 2:20-22; 1 John 5:16). (See *Hypocritical-Prayer, Pretend-Prayer, Unbelief-Prayer, Unpardonable-Prayer*).

439 - Singing-Prayer (Pss. 95:2)

We should voice our worship and request in music to God. This expresses the love of our hearts because music expresses our deep feelings. Most of the book of Psalms was sung by God's people in the Old Testament; therefore prayers were divinely given to be sung. I spend more time praying on Sunday morning than any other day of the week. It's then I open my hymnal and sing my prayers to God. They are easy to find; the hymns that end in “Amen” are usually prayers (Pss. 7:7, 33:3, 40:3, 96:1; Isa. 5:1, 42:10, 12:5; Zeph. 3:17; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Rev. 14:3, 15:1). (See *Hymn-Prayer, Worship-Roar Prayer*).

440 - Sin-Realization Prayer (Eph. 4:22)

We must come to realize that we have a sin nature, and there is a constant threat of temptation to sin. Because sin can permeate every part of our life, we must do all we can to counter the influence of sin while we pray for God's forgiveness of our sin. Then we must pray for God's power to counteract sin's great influence in our life. (See *Deceitful-Heart Prayer, Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Old-Nature Praying, Repentance Prayer*).

441 - Sin-Stopping Intercession (1 John 5:16)

Sometimes we need to intercede for a sinning Christian so he may be convicted of his sin, see the error of his way, and repent to serve God with a life that is victorious over sin (Gen. 18:23-33, 19:27-29, 20:7, 17; Exod. 32:10-14, 31-32; Num. 12:13; Job 42:7-9; Pss. 106:23; Ezek. 22:30; James 5:15-16; 1 John 5:16). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Life-Derailing Prayer, Repentance-Prayer*).

442 - Sober-Praying Prayer (Prov. 23:31)

We should commit ourselves to abstain from drinking alcohol and we should pray to keep that commitment. What does the book of Proverbs mean when it describes the drunk? Is this someone who takes a social drink, or is it someone who gets dead drunk, or is it an alcoholic, that is, someone addictive to alcohol? There are three stages of drunkenness: first, having the faculties impaired by alcohol; second, the habitual excessive use of alcohol; and third, acute or chronic drunkenness, that is, being addicted. Since the Christian should have self-discipline, the drunk is never described as a spiritual person because a drunk is controlled by the bottle. Also the drunk is not a wise person for the wise person thinks rightly, and the drunk does not think rightly. Finally, the drunk cannot be righteous, because the righteous person lives by biblical principles, and the drunk does not. Rather, the drunk lives to please the flesh (Gen. 9:21; Prov. 5:11, 20:1, 23:29-35; Isa. 5:11; Amos 6:6; Eph. 5:18). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Disciplined-Prayer, Self-Control Prayer, Self-Discipline Prayer*).

443 - Solitude and Prayer (Luke 5:16)

Jesus often sought solitude to gain strength by fellowshiping with His heavenly Father. It's good to block out the sounds of this earth so we can hear God's voice speaking to us. Solitude is a discipline to develop, but it's more than just being quiet. When we control our outward voice, we must also control our inward thoughts so that we focus on God Himself. "Be still to know Your God" (Pss. 46:10, *ELT*). We seek a closer intimacy with God in solitude and stillness. It involves meditation on Scripture, prayer, and worshiping God (Exod. 15:11; Pss. 83:18, 100:3; Prov. 25:11; Eccl. 3:7, 5:2; Hab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13;

Matt. 4:11, 14:23, 17:1-9, 26:36-46; Mark 6:31; Luke 5:16; Phil 3:10 ff.; 1 John 2:3, 5).
(See *Silent-Prayer, Silent-Worship Prayer*).

444 - Soul Winner's-Prayer (Prov. 11:30)

The *King James Bible* says, "He who wins souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30), which points us to one-on-one evangelism in the New Testament, e.g., Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-8), Jesus and the woman at the well (John 4:7-30), and Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40). The soul winner should (1) pray for opportunities to present the gospel; (2) pray for the correct approach and words to say; (3) pray for conviction in the heart of the lost person; and (4) pray for a successful response by the lost person (Mark 1:16 ff., 2:14; Luke 5:1 ff.; John 1:43, 12:26). (See *Evangelistic-Praying, Great Commission Prayer, New Convert-Thanksgiving Prayer, Supernatural-Praying*).

445 - Speaking a Blessing-Prayer (Num. 6:27)

This refers to a blessor saying out loud the blessing over a recipient, knowing by faith that God will do what is said. (See various *Faith, Blessing* and *Bless* prayers).

446 - Spirit-Helped Prayer (Rom. 8:26-27)

Sometimes we need the enablement of the Holy Spirit to help us pray. We may be weak, doubtful, or impatient. The Holy Spirit will help us if we ask. He can keep us in focus, or bring to mind our prayer request, or motivate us when we want to give up. Also the Holy Spirit can take our wrongly phrased prayers and present them properly to God. (See *Anointed-Praying, Filling of the Spirit-Prayer, Holy Spirit-Praying, Promise of the Holy Spirit-Prayer, Spirit-Insight Prayer*).

447 - Spiritual-Blessing Prayer (Eph. 1:3)

Our blessing can lead us to praise God (see Eph. 1:3). (See *Spiritual Strength-Prayer* and various *Bless* prayers).

448 - Spiritual-Gift Praying (1 Peter 4:10)

This is asking God to help you discover and develop your spiritual gift, and then praying for God to use your spiritual gift in the life of others, specifically that they may develop spiritual gifts in their own unique way. It's also praying for God to use our giftedness for His service and glory (Matt. 25:14, 15; Rom. 1:11, 12:6, 8; 15:25; 1 Cor. 4:7, 7:7, 12:1 ff., 12:4, 11; 13:2; Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim 1:6; 1 Peter 4:10). (See *Promise of Spiritual Giftedness-Praying, Spirit-Helped Prayer*).

449 - Spiritual-Growth Prayer (2 Peter 3:18)

We should ask God to cause us to grow spiritually as we apply the principles and discipline of spiritual growth (Pss. 1:1-3; Jer. 15:16; Mal. 4:2; Mark 4:27; Eph. 4:15; Col. 2:8-9; 1 Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer*, *Disciplined-Prayer* and various *Spiritual* prayers).

450 - Spiritual-Insight Prayer (Pss. 119:18)

Because we are spiritually blinded from sin (2 Cor. 4:3, 4), we must ask God to remove our blindness, and cause us to see spiritual things and/or truth (John 16:13). This doesn't mean God gives us knowledge we don't have; He only illuminates the truth we know or study. We must study, dig, memorize, and meditate to learn more about God from His Word (2 Tim. 2:15). (Josh. 1:8; Pss. 119:11, 18; 2 Thess. 2:11; John 12:39-40, 14:26, 16:13). (See *Blind-Prayer*, and various *Spiritual* prayers).

451 - Spiritual-Knowledge Prayer (Prov. 1:2, 3)

We can ask God to help us learn (memorize, acquire, or return) facts and information that would make us spiritually wise. The book of Proverbs teaches us to give ourselves to acquiring facts or information that we may be wise (which is the proper application of facts) (Pss. 119:88, 100; Prov. 1:5, 9:9, 12:1; 1 Cor. 10:15). (See *Insight-Prayer*, *Spiritual-Insight Prayer*, and various *Spiritual* prayers).

452 - Spiritual-Protective Prayer (Pss. 23:1)

God protects those who obey Him and follow His leading. The secret is relationship with God and "prayer is relationship" (Pss. 23:1, 79:13; Isa. 40:11; Jer. 23:3-4; Micah 5:2-4; John 10:11, 14, 27-28; Heb. 13:20; 1 Peter 2:25). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer*, *Hedge-Protection Prayer*, *Protection-Prayer*, *Unknown-Danger Prayer*).

453 - Spiritual-Stability Prayer (Eph. 5:6)

Asking God to establish us and other believers in sound doctrine, so we will not be spiritually shaken or emotionally upset by false teaching (Matt. 24:6; John 14:1, 27; Acts 20:28 ff.; Eph. 5:6; 2 Thess. 2:2). (See *Disentanglement-Prayer*, *Doctrinal-Prayer*, *Establishing Doctrine by Prayer*, and various *Spiritual* prayers).

454 - Spiritual-Strength Prayer (Rom. 1:16)

Is asking God to give us strength so we will be able to do the right thing in life. When we know what is the right thing to do, we can ask God to give us strength to do it (Pss. 110:2, 5; Rom. 1:16; 2 Cor. 4:17; Eph. 1:18, 19; 2:10, 3:7, 20; Phil. 4:14). (See *Strength and Nourishment-Prayer* and various *Spiritual* prayers).

455 - Spiritual-Truth Prayer (Titus 2:1)

This is a request for help in the process of teaching the Bible that will make people spiritually healthy. It is also a prayer for God to use the content of Scripture in the lives of others (1 Tim. 1:10; 2 Tim 1:7, 13; Titus 2:1, 8). (See *Spiritual-Insight Prayer*, and various *Spiritual* prayers).

456 - Spiritual-Understanding Prayer (Eph. 3:18)

(See *Blind-Prayer*, *Insight-Prayer*, *Spiritual-Insight Prayer*)

457 - Spiritual-Victory Prayer (2 Cor. 2:14)

This is a request to overcome sin in our life and asking God to give us power for a triumphant life for God (Pss. 106:47; Rom. 8:37; 1 Cor. 15:57; Phil. 4:13; Col. 3:15, 16). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer*, *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Transforming-Prayer*, *Triumphant-Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

458 - Spiritual-Wisdom Prayer (Col. 1:9)

This is asking God to help us use the knowledge we have so we will become wise in all we do. (See *Spiritual-Insight Prayer*, *Spiritual-Knowledge Prayer*, *Spiritual-Truth Prayer*).

459 - Spouse-Inspired Prayer (1 Pet. 3:9)

Sometimes our spouse understands God's plan better than we do, and we should join them in prayer. It's not a matter of who is right or wrong; doing God's plan is always right. (See *Family-Heritage Prayer*).

460 - Stability-Prayer (Eph. 4:13, 14)

This is asking God to keep us close to Christ and to the truth of Scripture so we will not be swayed nor pulled away from Christ by any temptations, false doctrine, or sin (Eph. 4:13-14). (See *Spiritual Victory-Prayer*, *Strength and Nourishment Prayer*).

461 - Stir Up Your Spiritual Gift-Prayer (2 Tim. 1:6)

We must stir up our spiritual gift for Christian service because every fire tends to burn itself out if not refueled continually. We stir up our spiritual gifts with Scripture and prayer (1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 1:6; 2 Peter 1:4-8; Jude 5). (See *Promise of Spiritual Giftedness-Praying*, *Spiritual-Gift Praying*).

462 - Storm-Prayer (Acts 27:25)

Storms will come into the life of every believer, and they will come from a variety of sources: financial, physical, business, family, and spiritual attacks from the enemy. We

must learn to pray: (1) in preparation before storms come; (2) what to do in storms; (3) how to testify in storms and after them; and (4) for strength to get through storms (Deut. 8:5; Job 5:7, 14:1, 23:10; Pss. 94:12, 119, 143; Prov. 3:11-12; Isa. 41:10; Matt. 24:9; Acts 27:25; Rom. 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 4:17; James 1:12). (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Desert-Praying, Difficulties-Prayer, Protection-Prayer, Spiritual-Protective Prayer, Purifying-Prayer, Unknown-Danger Prayer*).

463 - Strength-Prayer (Gen. 17:1)

This is asking the Almighty to nourish us with Himself, because God's name *Almighty* means strength and nourishment (Gen. 17:1, 35:11, 49:25; Num. 24:4; Job 11:7; 2 Cor. 6:18; Rev. 1:8). (See *Food-Provision Praise, Provision of Food-Prayer, Table-Blessing Prayer*).

464 - Striving-Prayer (Rom. 15:30)

This is interceding with all our energy, usually because it's an extremely important request, or it's a life-or-death issue. This is praying with a burden or laboring in prayer. In *Mountain-Moving Prayer* we strive in prayer, but we know we get the request we seek. However, when we are not sure of the answer, we strive in prayer (Luke 13:24; Rom. 1:10, 15:30; 1 Thess. 3:10; 2 Tim. 2:5). (See *Interventional-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer, Reluctant Answer to Prayer*).

465 - Suffering-Prayer (1 Peter 4:12, 13)

We should pray when we suffer persecution or pain for the cause of Christ. We should pray (1) about our persecution; (2) for our testimony; (3) for grace to endure; and (4) for God to use our suffering for His glory (Luke 22:15, 24:24; Acts 3:12; Rom. 8:17; Phil. 1:29; 2 Tim. 2:12; Heb. 11:25; 1 Peter 2:20, 3:14, 4:12, 13). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Pain-Praying, Protection-Prayer, Unknown-Danger Prayer*).

466 - Supernatural-Praying (Acts 15:18)

Abraham believed in miracles, he believed God could bring dead people back to life (e.g., Isaac, Gen. 22) and God "calls those things which do not exist as though they did" (Rom. 4:17). We cannot do miracles, but God can; He can do anything He wants to do. Before you call for miracles outside of yourself, be sure God does a miracle in your life by transforming your inner person (Gen. 18:14; Luke 1:37; Acts 15:18; Rom. 4:17; Heb. 11:6). (See *Healing-Prayer, Interventional-Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer* and various *Faith* prayers).

467 - Supernatural-Results Prayer (Acts 14:19-20)

Sometimes God delivers us by a miracle, such as raising Paul from the dead. At times others have been martyred (Acts 12:1). Some have had to suffer for long periods before

delivery, or they are never delivered. Some die under persecution. D. L. Moody said, “The man of God is invincible, until God is finished with him.” Don’t be too quick to ask for a miraculous healing; God may have other purposes for your suffering. Don’t hesitate to ask for a miracle because of your doubt; God may plan to use your “prayer of faith” for deliverance. But if you ask for a miracle for the wrong reason, or the request is against Scripture, “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1). It may not be of God (2 Kings 6:13-17; Pss. 37:1-5, 91:1-13; Jer. 32:27, 33:3; John 14:12; Phil. 4:13). (See *Healing-Prayer, Interventional-Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Supernatural-Praying*).

468 - Support-Prayer (Matt. 18:19)

Sometimes when you want an answer for which you pray but you lack sufficient faith, you can agree with your prayer partner because of his or her strong faith and thus you may get the answer you seek (See *Two-Prayer*).

469 - Surety-Praying (2 Peter 1:10)

Give attention to our Christian responsibilities so we can be sure of our salvation. We search our lives for doubts when we are not sure of salvation (or we doubt our salvation), and then pray to make sure we meet the qualification of salvation (Matt. 7:24, 25; Luke 6:44-45; Rom. 3:28; 2 Peter 1:10; 1 John 3:19; Rev. 22:14). (See *Confident-Praying, Honest-Prayer, Integrity-Praying Yielding-Prayer*).

470 - Surprise-Response Prayer (Rev. 1:10)

Sometimes God surprises us in prayer. He does something we don’t expect. When that happens, some respond in silent gratitude, others shout happily, still others cry out in fear. We should fall at Jesus’ feet and worship Him (Gen. 17:17, 18:12-14, 28:12-22; Exod. 3:1 ff., 34:5-8; Judges 6:11-23; 1 Sam. 3:1-11; Isa. 6:1-13; Jer. 1:4-10; Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-14; Acts 9:1-19; Rev. 1:10). (See *Anticipatory-Blessing Prayer, Worship-Prayer* and various *Thanksgiving* prayers).

471 - Surveillance-Prayer (Pss. 59:1-3)

We don’t know when unsaved people watch us, nor do we know whether God is working in their hearts to bring them to salvation, or the evil one is motivating them to destroy us. We should pray for protection, for wisdom to do the right thing, for protection from the enemy, and for God to thwart their evil intents. (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Hedge-Protection Prayer, Protection-Prayer, Unknown-Danger Prayer*).

472 - Table-Blessing Prayer (Mark 6:41)

This is thanking God for the food at mealtime and asking Him to use the food to prosper the physical body. (See *Provision of Food-Prayer, Strength and Nourishment-Prayer*).

473 - Tarrying-Prayer (Luke 24:49)

God will usually answer when we wait in His presence for our answer. “Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!” (Pss. 27:14). “I wait for You” (Pss. 25:21). The disciples were told by Jesus, “Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49). (See *Continued-Praying, Persistent-Prayer, Prevailing-Prayer, Waiting in Prayer*).

474 - Tears in Prayer (Luke 6:21)

Many in Scripture cried tears when praying: David (Pss. 6:6), Jeremiah (Jer. 9:1), Paul (Acts 20:19), Mary (Luke 7:36 ff.) and Jesus (Heb. 5:7). See Luke 6:21 for reasons for tears (Job 16:20; Pss. 42:3, 56:8; Isa. 16:9; Matt 5:4; Acts 20:31; 2 Cor. 2:4, 7:7 ff.). (See *Abandonment-Prayer, Suffering-Prayer, Weeping-Prayer*).

475 - Temporary Answer to Prayer (Deut. 33:25)

Sometimes God doesn't permanently answer our request, but sends a short-term solution. God doesn't promise unlimited solutions to all our problems. But God does promise to help us each day in our problems. “As your days, *so shall your strength be*” (Deut. 33:25) (Exod. 16:16, 35; Matt. 6:11; John 6:31; 1 Tim. 6:8). (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Directional Answer-Prayer, “No” Answer to Prayer*).

476 - Temptation-Victory Prayer (Luke 22:40)

Some great Bible heroes gave in to temptation, e.g., Noah got drunk, Abraham lied, Moses was egotistical, David committed adultery, Elijah got despondent, and Peter denied the Lord. The believer is expected to overcome temptation (1 Cor. 10:13) and is to pray to be victorious over temptation (Pss. 124:7; Jer. 29:11; Luke 16:26; John 10:28; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:10; James 5:11; 1 Peter 1:5; 2 Peter 2:9). (See various *Victory prayers*).

477 - Test the Spirits-Prayer (1 John 4:1)

We are exhorted to “test the spirits” when we are tempted to do something contrary to Scripture. This could be satan tempting us to do something that is wrong. Also, we should “test our own spirit” for sometimes our thinking may be wrong. This is a prayer against the false teaching that Jesus Christ didn't come in the flesh. It's also a prayer that false teachers will be exposed and rejected (Deut. 13:1-3; 1 Kings 18:19-21; Isa. 56:10-11; Matt. 7:14-15; Rom. 16:17; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 2:18-22; 2 John 7). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Insight-Prayer, Spiritual-Insight Prayer, Warfare-Praying*).

478 - Testimony-Prayer (Acts 22:3)

When Paul couldn't preach, he shared his testimony of how God saved him. Thus, Paul's life became a sermon. In the same way, our life should be a sermon, and we should tell others what God has done for us. A testimony includes (1) what we were before salvation; (2) what happened at our salvation experience; and (3) what difference Christ makes to us now. We should pray for opportunities to share our testimony and for God to use our testimony in the lives of others (2 Kings 5:1-4; Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3; Matt. 28:19-20; John 4:7; Acts 8:30, 22:3; 2 Tim. 2:2). (See *Evangelism Prayer, John the Baptizer Fast, Soul Winner's-Prayer*).

479 - Testing Response of Prayer (James 1:12)

God allows tests in our life to determine our love and obedience to Him. He also uses tests to make us repent and change our ways. Thus tests help peel away bad attitudes, habits, and sins. In the final analysis, tests should teach us something about God, ourselves, and how to live (Gen. 44:1-4; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:7). (See *Pain-Praying, Suffering-Prayer*).

480 - Thanksgiving for Deliverance-Prayer (2 Cor. 2:14)

This is being grateful for deliverance from past sins and depraved living. (See *Deliverance-Prayer, Overcoming-Prayer*).

481 - Thanksgiving for God's Constant Love-Prayer (Pss. 106:1)

Our human response to God's love for us should be thanksgiving. In love He punishes us to correct us and bring us back to Himself. God's constant love is seen in His continual work in our lives to transform us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ (Pss. 103:17, 106:1, 119:68; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 5:20-21). (See *Gratitude-Prayer, Praise-Prayer, Praise-Worship* and various *Thanksgiving* prayers).

482 - Thanksgiving for God's Past Work in Our Lives-Prayer (Pss. 105:1)

We should express gratitude for God's past work in our lives when He guided us, forgave us, used us, and protected us (1 Chron. 16:7 ff., 29:3; Job 5:2 ff.; Pss. 91:1-12, 105:1; Isa. 12:5-6, 42:10-12). (See *Gratitude-Prayer*, and various *Thanksgiving* and *Praise* prayers).

483 - Thanksgiving for Redemption-Prayer (Pss. 107:2)

We should give outer expression with our mouths for the inward salvation we've experienced. The fact God has redeemed us from sin should motivate us to tell everyone about what God has done for us (Pss. 31:5, 107:2, 119:46; Jer. 15:16; Matt. 10:18; Acts 4:13-14; 1 Peter 3:15). (See various *Thanksgiving* and *Praise* prayers).

484 - Thanksgiving-Prayer (Eph. 1:16)

This is giving God a great crescendo of thanks and praise for everything He has done for others and for us. Just as we should grow in every area of our Christian lives, so we should grow in our giving of thanks to God (1 Thess. 1:3-4, 3:9; 2 Thess. 1:3, 2:13). (See various *Thanksgiving* prayers).

485 - Thirst-Praying (Rev. 22:17)

This is recognizing our unquenchable spiritual need that can be filled by only God Himself. We come to God and His Word for the supply of life-giving spiritual water, and for enjoyable fellowship with Him (Pss. 42:1, 2; Matt. 5:5; John 4:13-15, 7:37; 1 Peter 2:2; Rev. 7:16). (See *Hunger-Prayer*, *Well-Digging Prayer*).

486 - Today's Response in Prayer (Heb. 3:7)

We must pray to serve God effectively *today* because we cannot serve Him in the past or future. We can only obey God *now* (Pss. 95:7; Isa. 55:6; 2 Cor. 6:1-2; Heb. 3:7; James 4:13-15). (See *Daily-Prayer*, *First Prayer Each Day*, *Morning-Prayer*).

487 - Tongue-Discipline Prayer (James 3:8)

God has designed prayer to change our hearts so we can properly serve and glorify Him. But our tongue often gets in the way and hurts the things we would do for God. But the tongue is only an instrument of the heart, so we must pray for a transformed heart to have a disciplined tongue and disciplined body. Because God will punish all lies, we must discipline ourselves to tell the truth (Pss. 10:3, 12:3-4, 17:10, 64:3, 73:8-9; Prov. 12:18, 15:1, 2; 16:27, 26:20-28; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:11; James 3:8; 1 Peter 3:10; 2 Peter 2:18). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer*, *Old-Nature Praying*, *Transformation-Prayer*).

488 - Torn-Veil Prayer (Mark 15:38)

The “torn-veil” is God’s invitation to approach Him in prayer. The “torn veil” in the temple when Christ died is a “symbolic message” that we now have immediate access to God (Eph. 2:18; Heb. 4:16). We can act on Jesus’ invitation, “Come to Me” (Matt. 11:28) and pray at any time or in any situation (Exod. 26:31-34, 40:21; Lev. 16:2; Matt. 27:51; Heb. 4:14-16, 6:19, 9:12, 10:12; Rev. 22:17). (See *Intercessor’s-Prayer*, *Jesus’ Name-Prayer*, *New Covenant-Praying*, and various *Worship* prayers).

489 - Transfer-Faith Praying (1 Sam. 7:8)

This is transferring the faith of the leader to the followers, and sometimes *vice versa* (1 Sam. 14:7), when both agree together to express faith. Apparently, Jonathan’s faith influenced his armor-bearer so they together won a great victory over a large number

of enemies, “Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart” (1 Sam. 14:7) (Amos 3:3; Matt. 18:19; Acts 2:1-4, 5:41-42). (See *Agreement-Prayer, Consensus-Prayer, Fellowship-Praying, Oneness-Prayer*).

490 - Transformation-Prayer (Rom. 8:29)

Fundamentally, the purpose of prayer—regardless of the various forms it takes—is for us to establish and maintain a relationship with God. When we establish a daily prayer time and seek to enter into a relationship with the Lord, we will be changed. Often, people aren’t transformed through prayer because they make prayer something other than a relationship with God. When we experience the presence of God in our life, we *will* change for we cannot come face to face with God without being transformed in some way. If we don’t allow prayer to change us, we become severely limited in what our future prayers can accomplish. Prayer must change us before it can change our circumstances. As we come into the presence of God, we must first submit to Him and all He wants us to do. Then treat prayer as a personal discipline that will transform us into dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ. Next we need to allow the love of God to flow into our lives to transform us and then share that love with those around us. Prayer focuses on God, which draws us toward God’s transformational presence. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose...to be transformed to the image of His Son” (Rom. 8:28-29, *ELT*). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Fruitful-Praying, Supernatural-Praying, Triumphant-Praying*).

491 - Trial-Prayer (1 Peter 1:7)

We should pray when we suffer trials, knowing we are being purified of sin and character flaws. Trials make us more like Jesus Christ (Job 23:12; Pss. 66:10, 12; Prov. 17:3; Isa. 43:10; Mal. 3:3; James 1:3; 1 Peter 1:7; Rev. 2:10). (See *Hedge-Protection Prayer, Protection-Prayer, Spiritual-Protective Prayer*).

492 - Trinity-Response Prayer (Matt. 3:16-17)

We believe in one God in three eternal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are equal in nature but separate in person. The Father sent Jesus into the world (John 3:16), and the Father and Son sent the Holy Spirit (John 15:26) (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14). (See *Crown-Casting Worship, Face-Down Worship, Praise-Worthy Prayer, Worthy-Worship*).

493 - Triumphant-Praying (2 Cor. 2:14)

We should rejoice in God for His greatness and power and for the victories He has accomplished in our lives. A triumphant prayer recognizes God’s perfect plan in our lives and submits to His will. (See *Fruitful-Praying* and various *Victory* prayers).

494 - Trouble-Praying (2 Cor. 1:4)

Trouble is a by-product of life. “Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward” (Job 5:7). How we deal with our troubles determines the quality of our life and the production of our hands. So we should (1) be prepared for trouble; (2) be tough so problems won’t overwhelm us; (3) learn from each problem so we won’t face it again; (4) have a strategy to handle all future problems; and (5) be willing to help others in their trouble (Gen. 3:17-19; Pss. 90:8-9; Eccl. 1:8, 2:22, 5:15-17; John 15:18; Heb. 12:3-12; 1 Peter 4:12-19). (See *Pain-Praying, Protection-Prayer, Suffering-Prayer, Testing Response of Prayer*).

495 - True-Heart Praying (Heb. 10:22)

We are exhorted to “draw near with a true heart” (Heb. 10:22). We come sincerely to the Father with a heart endeavor to know Him intimately. We come in full assurance that God exists, and that He will answer when we diligently seek Him. And we are to come to God with a pure conscience that is cleansed from guilt. (Pss. 73:28; Isa. 29:13; Jer. 30:21; Heb. 10:22; James 4:8). (See *Confession-Prayer, Forgiveness-Prayer, Honest-Praying, Intimacy-Prayer*).

496 - True-Worshippers Prayer (Pss. 15:1)

Believers should live a God-conscious life so that when they enter the presence of God, their words match their actions (Pss. 1:1-4, 15:1, 24:3-5, 27:4, 84:4,10; 90:1-2, 91:1; Heb. 10:25). (See *Face-Down Worship, Praise Worship-of God, Praise-Worthy Prayer*).

497 - Trusting-Prayer (Rom. 11:33)

The human mind can never understand all that is revealed by God about Himself, and there is much about God we will never know or understand. Yet we worship God by faith, which means we trust Him for all He is, and we surrender our minds to worship His greatness (Pss. 107:8; Prov. 25:3; Rom. 11:33; Eph. 1:7, 3:18-21; Col. 1:27; Rev. 19:1-7). (See *Believing-Prayer, Faith-Praying, Faith-Based Praying, Possibility-Praying, and various Worship prayers*).

498 - Truth in Love Commitment-Prayer (2 John 1)

We should pray for a biblical balance between truth and love, so that we are grounded equally in both truth and love (John 8:32; Gal. 2:5, 14; 3:1; Col. 1:5; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:4; 1 John 2:21). (See *Love-Expressing Prayer, Truth-Praying*).

499 - Truth-Living Prayer (3 John 4)

An intercessor must know truth and then ask for strength and wisdom to live the truth. Since truth is what is consistent with and corresponds to the laws of the universe, we

should pray to live a consistent life that reflects the laws of God (Hosea 14:9; Mal. 2:6; Gal. 2:14; Eph. 5:2; 1 John 1:6, 7, 2:6; 3 John 4). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Truth-Praying*).

500 - Truth-Praying (John 18:32)

We cannot pray a lie in God's presence, for God is light, and no darkness can remain in His presence. In God's presence we cannot think a lie, believe a lie, nor speak a lie. Pilate stood before Jesus and asked, "What is truth?" not realizing he was standing before absolute truth. Then Pilate spoke the truth, "I find no fault in Him" (John 18:38-40). That's a truthful statement because there is no sin in Jesus. He is the perfect God-man (Matt. 27:18-21; Mark 15:11; Luke 23:4-16; 1 Peter 1:19, 2:22-23). (See *True-Worshipping Prayer, Truth-Living Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

501 - Two-Prayer (Matt. 18:19)

God answers when two people agree and pray together for the request they both want from God. "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven" (Matt. 18:19). (See *Support-Prayer, Transfer-Faith Praying, Two-Pray Praying*).

502 - Two-Way Worship Prayer (John 4:23)

As we give worship to God, we enjoy His presence. Jesus said, "The Father is seeking such to worship Him" (John 4:23), which means He comes with His presence when we worship Him. Therefore, worship is a two-way relationship (Pss. 100, 103:1, 104:1, 107:1; John 4:23; 1 Tim. 1:17). (See *Face-Down Worship, Worship-Prayer, and various Worship prayers*).

503- Unanswered-Prayer (James 4:3)

Unanswered prayer usually distresses us and many times it weakens our faith. That's because we view prayer from our perspective and not from God's point of view. When our prayers are not answered, we should ask ourselves, "Lord, what are You teaching me?" Maybe we have to go back to the beginning of prayer to learn the nature and purpose of prayer. God answers our prayers in three ways: yes, no, wait, and sometimes He says, "You've got to be kidding!" Sometimes we ask for things that would go against the very nature of God if He were to answer those requests. Nor can we ask God to go against the laws of nature. The same is true of prayers that contradict the nature of time. God doesn't undo history. On other occasions, God may not answer our requests because He wants us to *do something about the issue*. Sometimes God doesn't answer our prayers because we ask for things that are contrary to His plans. Some prayers are not answered because they fall within the "mystery of God," that is, God's unknown purpose (Rom. 11:33-36) (Job

27:8-9, 35:12; Pss. 18:41, 66:18; Isa. 1:15; Jer. 11:11; Micah 3:4; Zech. 7:13; 1 John 3:22). (See *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Unbiblical-Prayer*, and various “No” *Answers to Prayer* prayers).

504 - Unbelief-Hindrance to Prayer (Heb. 3:12)

We must recognize that we have an old nature that pulls us away from God and causes us to doubt. Therefore, we ask God to keep our hearts strong in faith, and we must be faithful to study the Scriptures, and to continually attend worship services, and to be faithful in serving Him (Matt 13:58, 17:20; Mark 9:24; Rom. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:13; Heb. 3:12, 4:11). (See *Temptation-Victory Prayer*, *Unpardonable Sin Unto Death-Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

505 - Unbiblical-Prayer (James 4:3)

Sometimes we approach God with the wrong spirit or ask for selfish things, or we approach God with a sinful desire. God doesn't answer prayers that are contrary to His will, or that violate the laws of nature. We must pray for (1) our spiritually blinded eyes to be opened to see things as they are; (2) for our selfish spirit to be crucified with Christ; and (3) for wisdom to pray with the proper motivation (Job 27:8-10; Prov. 1:28; Isa. 1:15-16, 59:1-2; Matt. 20:22; Luke 15:12, 16:1 ff.; James 4:3). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer*, *Unanswered-Prayer*, and various “No” *Answers to Prayer* prayers).

506 - Unknown-Answer to Prayer (Mark 9:24)

Sometimes we don't know if God has answered our prayer, or the extent of God's answers. And other times we may never know how God answered our prayer until we get to heaven. (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer*, *Diversionsary Answer to Prayer*).

507 - Unknown-Danger Prayer (Gen. 15:1)

This is when we ask God to protect us when we can't protect ourselves, and we don't know we are in danger. We ask God to protect us physically, spiritually, financially, socially, and reputation-wise. This is a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the ways He protects His people from dangers they know and don't know. God removed Adam and Eve from the garden to protect them from further complications in their relationship with Him. (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer*, *Deliverance-Prayer*, *Hedge-Protection Prayer*, *Triumphant-Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

508 - Unlimited-Prayer (Phil. 4:13)

Because our strength is in Jesus Christ, we can pray for anything Christ can do. Since prayer is a relationship with God, we can do all things through prayer that Christ can do (Phil. 4:13). (See *Interventional-Prayer*, *Mountain-Moving Prayer*, *Supernatural-Praying*).

509 - Unpardonable-Sin Prayer (Matt. 12:30-32)

What sin is so great that God would not pardon it? There are several views: (1) to attribute the miracles of Christ to Satan, and this could be done only when Christ lived on earth; (2) to curse the Holy Spirit; (3) to continually sin so that one's heart becomes so hardened that he couldn't be saved; (4) to commit suicide because the person couldn't repent and ask forgiveness; (5) to die without receiving Christ which means the person rejected (blasphemed) every endeavor of the Holy Spirit to bring them to salvation (Isa. 1:18; Mark 3:29; John 8:44; 1 Cor. 11:29-30; Heb. 6:4, 10:26-29; 1 John 1:9, 5:17-18). (See *Doubting God's Ability-Prayer, Sin Unto Death-Prayer, Unbelief-Hindrances to Prayer*).

510 - Unsaved-Prayer (Acts 10:2)

God does not honor the prayers of unsaved people, nor does He hear the prayers of people in world religions that reject Jesus. Yet when any person outside Christ honestly seeks God and prays, God will hear them and save them when they pray in Jesus' name (Pss. 66:18; Isa. 59:1-2; Matt. 7:21-23; John 8:32, 10:9, 14:6; Acts 4:12, 10:2). (See *Atheist-Prayer, False-Prayer, God Haters'-Prayer*).

511 - Urgent-Prayer (Luke 11:1-11)

Sometimes we need an answer right away, or we feel an urgent need to pray and so we pray with a sense of urgency. (See *Death-Facing Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Desperate-Prayer, Emergency-Prayer, Priority-Faith Prayer*).

512 - Useful-Vessel Prayer (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

Christians are likened to all kinds of vessels, made from different materials, designed for different jobs. We should pray to be a clean vessel so we can be used of God, that is, "cleanses himself" (Acts 9:15; Rom. 9:21; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Tim. 2:20-21; 1 Peter 2:5). (See *Blocked-Prayer, Clean-Conscience Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer, Purity-Prayer, Yielding-Prayer*).

513 - Victorious-Results in Prayer (James 1:12)

Our faith will be tested in many ways, and when we are victorious, we can pray with more authority and confidence. We will probably get more answers to our prayers after we are victorious, than before (Job 5:7, 13:15, 14:1; Pss. 94:12; Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:5; James 1:12). (See *Confident-Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Overcoming-Prayer, and various Victory prayers*).

514 - Victory Over Doubt-Prayer (Mark 11:23)

The cycle of doubt and despondency may be broken in a person's life by intercessory prayer. In a tangible answer to prayer, God may use things, events, testimony, or other things to break doubt or dependency (Gen. 45:26-28; Pss. 85:6; Hosea 6:2). (See *Doubting God's Ability Prayer*, *Unbelief-Hindrance to Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

515 - Victory Over Temptation-Prayer (Heb. 2:18)

A prayer to be victorious over temptation with Jesus' help (Matt. 6:13; Luke 4:13, 22:40; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 2:18; James 1:12). (See *Temptation-Victory Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

516 - Victory over Trials-Prayer (James 1:12)

Knowing our faith will be tried or tested in many ways, we can pray for victory with authority and confidence. We will probably get more answers to our prayers after we are victorious over the test, than before. Remember, temptations come from satanic evil that wants to destroy us; but tests and trials come from God to strengthen us and validate our faith (Job 5:7, 13:15, 14:1; Pss. 94:12; Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:5; James 1:12). (See *Pain-Praying*, *Protection-Prayer*, *Unknown Danger-Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

517 - Victory-Prayer (2 Cor. 2:14)

We can claim God's triumph over any internal or external conflicts in our life. (See *Triumphant-Prayer* and various *Victory* prayers).

518 - Vindication-Praise Prayer (Pss. 20:7)

We should praise God when He has vindicated us because we have done right, or He has given us victory in any area of our life (Pss. 34:22, 125:1, 146:5; Jer. 17:7-8; 2 Cor. 2:14; James 5:10-11). (See *Fruit-Producing Prayer*, *Reward-Prayer*, and various *Victory* prayers).

519 - Vision-Motivated Prayer (Prov. 29:18)

God can give us a vision of how we can serve Him, where we can serve Him, and sometimes God gives what He wants us to accomplish. We must ask God to help us accomplish the impossible in serving Him. We must surrender our life to accomplish the vision God has given us (Gen. 29:18; Prov. 29:18; Hab. 2:1-4). (See *Dream-Motivated Prayer*, *Mountain-Moving Prayer*, *Vision-Praying* and various *Faith* prayers).

520 - Vision-Praying (Josh. 14:12)

Caleb trusted God to help him victoriously conquer the mountain that was his life-long vision. "It may be that the LORD *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out"

(Josh. 14:12). It's one thing to have a dream/vision, but that is only the beginning. It's another step forward when you pray and work for your dream/vision. To capture your dream/vision involves God and man working together. By faith you have to work hard and work smart. And as you pray for your dream/vision, you have to know how God works to make your dream a possibility. (See *Dream-Motivated Prayer*, *Mountain-Moving Prayer*, *Possibility-Praying*, and various *Faith* prayers).

521 - Vow-Prayer (Rev. 10:6)

A vow is a solemn promise made to God in prayer. Usually this involves what the intercessor will do in specific service, behavior, or repentance to get an answer to prayer. Those who vow to God must keep their promise. Vowing in prayer does not mean *bargaining* with God, the *Prayer Vow* is only for those who want to go deeper into the presence of God and completely commit themselves to doing God's will. Actually, the *Prayer Vow* deals with our ability to choose. Not only must we choose God, we must also choose to do what God reveals. We should also be cautious before rushing into making vows in prayer. Making vows is permitted by God, but we need to be extremely cautious that we don't make unwise vows. Just as every disobedience weakens our will, every obedience strengthens our resolve. A reasonable place to begin might be to make a vow to be consistent in our daily quiet time with God. "But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD" (Jonah 2:9) (Gen. 28:20-22; Judg. 11:30-31, 39; 1 Sam. 1:11; Pss. 132:2-5; Prov. 20:25; Acts 18:18; Rev. 10:6). (See *Choosing God's Core Values in Prayer*, *Commitment-Prayer*).

522 - Vow-Violation Prayer (Pss. 65:1)

This prayer deals with a violated vow or incomplete obedience concerning anything we promise to do for God. When we complete a fast and finish its time vow, we break our vow and eat. When we don't complete our vow-fast, or eat something contrary to our vow, it's called violating our vow-fast. We ask God's forgiveness for disobedience and God's help to completely obey anything we promised in the future. What should we do if we have made a vow and then fall? Get up and start again (Gen. 31:3, 9-13; Judg. 11:30; 1 Sam. 1:11; Pss. 65:1, 76:11; Eccl. 5:4; Jonah 2:9). (See *Commitment Prayer*, *Forgiveness-Prayer*, *Repentance-Prayer*, *Sin-Stopping Prayer*, *Sin-Realization Prayer*).

523 - Waiting Anxiously in Prayer (Pss. 42:6)

When we don't know what to do, or what to think, it's then we must trust what we know about God. We know He is there when we can't feel Him. We know He loves us when we don't experience it. We know He will do good because He said so. Trust is our solid rock assurance that what the Bible promises is true. So we must trust through our deep anxiety, knowing God's "deep" mystery is so much greater than our present "deep" anxiety (1 Sam.

30:6; Pss. 35:14, 43:5, 55:4, 5; 61:2, 142:2, 3; 143:3, 4; Mark 14:33, 34). (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Reserved-Prayer, Wait-Prayer*).

524 - Waiting for Christ's Return-Prayer (1 Thess. 1:10)

This is our constant prayer in light of His any-moment return. Because He promised to return for us, we should live each moment to be pleasing to Him when He appears. We must ask God to make us patient for His coming when dealing with opportunities to serve Him. Also it's a prayer to help us properly anticipate His return, and in our renewed anticipation, to deal appropriately with sin and trials on earth (John 14:1-3; Rom. 8:24; Gal. 5:5; Phil. 3:20; 1 Thess. 1:10; 2 Thess. 3:5; 2 Tim. 4:8; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:12-14). (See *Anticipating His Return, Waiting in Prayer, Watchful-Prayer*).

525 - Waiting in Prayer (Acts 1:14)

When the disciples asked Jesus when He would return, He answered, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons" (Acts 1:7), but to "tarry in the city of Jerusalem" (Luke 24:49). So "these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14). There are several ways to interpret this command to "tarry": (1) the Pentecostal urge to "tarry" in prayer at a church altar—or anywhere—until one receives what the disciples got on Pentecost, that is, the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gift of speaking in tongues; (2) the dispensationalist view is that we will not know when Christ will return, but the emphasis is on "wait" and "look" for the second coming of Jesus, and to pray for His power in this age; and (3) the view that dedicated Christians will search for Jesus in prayer to know Him more intimately (Job 11:7; John 5:39; Acts 1:14, 12:5; Rom. 8:27; 1 Cor. 2:11). (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Reluctant Answer to Prayer, Wait-Prayer*).

526 - Wait-Prayer (Pss. 27:14)

When we are praying to God we must realize that the timing may be wrong for an immediate answer. So we wait for His answer in His time. (See *Delayed Answer-Prayer, Non-Anxiety Prayer, Peaceful-Living Prayer, Reluctant Answers to Prayer*).

527 - Walk in the Spirit-Prayer (Gal. 5:16, 25)

To please God we seek help from the Holy Spirit to help us walk daily and live above the temptations of sin (Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:16; 2 Cor. 5:7; Eph. 2:10, 5:1-2; Phil. 3:16; Col. 1:10, 2:6-7; 1 Thess. 2:12; 1 John 1:7). (See *Crucifixion-Prayer, Filling of the Spirit Prayer, Holy Spirit-Prayer, Spiritual Strength-Prayer*).

528 - Warfare-Protection Prayer (Rev. 12:7)

Believers recognize that we face continued opposition from satan, demons, and evil forces. This is not a "once-for-all" battle, but a constant prayer for protection from satan and for

continued victory over His constant attacks against us (Matt. 16:18; Rom. 8:38; Eph. 6:12; Col. 2:15; 1 John 4:4; Rev. 12:7). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance-Prayer, Hedge-Protection Prayer, Protection-Prayer*).

529 - Watchful-Prayer (1 Peter 4:7)

We should be ready at all times to meet the Lord because we don't know when He is coming. Only as we are "clear minded and self-controlled" can we pray effectively (Matt. 24:42, 25:13, 26:38; Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2; 2 Tim. 4:5; 1 Peter 4:7; Rev. 16:15). (See *Anticipating His Return, Waiting for Christ's Return, Waiting in Prayer*).

530 - Weeping-Prayer (Acts 20:31)

Tears demonstrate our sincerity and genuine response to God. When God sees our tears, He recognizes our honest response before Him and will more likely answer our prayers. Perhaps we don't weep more often because: (1) our heart has become hardened by sin; (2) we've forgotten the reality of Jesus' presence in our life; (3) we have unconfessed sin in our life; (4) we've stopped studying the Scriptures; or (5) we are preoccupied with other concerns. Perhaps when we realize we've lost the presence of Jesus, as did Mary, then we too would weep (John 20:15) (Gen. 43:30; Num. 8:9; 1 Sam. 1:8; Pss. 126:5, 126:6; Eccl. 3:4; Ezek. 10:1; Luke 7:38, 22:62; John 11:35; Acts 20:31). (See *Abandonment-Prayer, Suffering-Prayer, Tears in Prayer*).

531 - Well-Digging Prayer (Pss. 84:6)

This is asking God to help you dig a well to find spiritual water to refresh your empty souls when we are thirsty to know God (Pss. 23:5, 34:8, 66:12, 84:6-7; Isa. 55:1-3; John 4:14, 6:35, 7:37-39; Rev. 22:17). (See *Fellowship with Jesus-Prayer, Intimacy-Prayer, Searching for God in Prayer, Thirst-Praying*).

532 - Widow's Fast and Prayer (Isa. 58:7)

The Widow's fast is "to share your bread with the hungry" and to care for the poor (Isa. 58:7), which means meeting the humanitarian needs of others. God sent the hungry prophet Elijah to a poor, starving widow—ironically, so the widow could provide food for Elijah. Just as Elijah's presence resulted in food for the widow of Zarephath, so presenting ourselves before God in prayer and fasting can be the motivation to provide for the humanitarian needs of others. (See *Fasting-Prayer, Mountain-Moving Prayer, Others-Prayer*).

533 - Will of God-Prayer (Eph. 5:17)

Because God has a plan for our life, we should pray earnestly to find His plan or will, and then ask for strength and wisdom to do it (Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:17). (See *Guidance-Prayer, Yielding to God Prayer*).

534 - Wisdom-Directed Prayer (James 3:8)

Asking God to make us faithful and effective with the knowledge and wisdom we know (Prov. 1:5, 8:33, 9:12, 13:20; Dan. 2:21; Matt. 7:24; 1 Cor. 6:5; Gal. 6:4). (See *Insight-Prayer, Knowing-God Prayer, Spiritual-Truth Prayer, Spiritual-Wisdom Prayer, Will of God-Prayer*).

535 - Word-Praying (John 1:1, 14)

Jesus is the eternal Word of God (1) who communicates the majesty of God to us; (2) who brings us the message of salvation; (3) who shows all the attributes and nature of the Father. Worship is our only response to this revelation of Him (John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Col. 1:13-20; 1 John 1:1; Rev. 1:4-18). (See *Bible-Praying, Scripture-Praying*).

536 - Worker's-Prayer (2 Tim. 2:15)

This is a request to do our best in all tasks we do, and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. It is a request for success in work, but also a prayer for God to be glorified in our work (Mark 14:6; John 17:4; Acts 13:2; 1 Cor. 3:13-15, 15:58, 16:10; Gal. 6:4; Col. 1:10; 2 Thess. 3:10-12; 2 Tim. 2:15; Titus 3:1; Heb. 13:21). (See *Laziness-Corrective Prayer, Servanthood-Prayer, Service-Prayer*).

537 - World-Rejecting Prayer (1 John 2:15)

We must recognize that we have an old nature that tempts us to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes (things), and sinful pride. In prayer we must reject the world, the flesh, and the devil, and then choose to follow Jesus. This is a prayer to keep ourselves pure from the domination of lust (Josh. 7:21; Pss. 73:6, 78:18, 30; Prov. 6:25; Matt. 4:8, 5:28; Rom. 13:14; James 3:16; 1 John 2:15). (See *Clean-Conscience Praying, Holiness-Prayer, Purity-Praying, Sin-Stopping Prayer, Yielding to God Prayer*).

538 - Worship-Jesus Prayer (Rev. 1:6)

The total response of the heart to Jesus when His goodness and greatness are revealed to us. Because Jesus has all power, authority, and glory, we must respond by worshiping Him with all that's within us (Pss. 72:18-19; Dan. 4:34; Phil. 2:11; 1 Tim. 6:16; Heb. 13:21; 1 Peter 4:11, 5:11; 2 Peter 3:18; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6). (See various *Praise* and *Jesus* prayers).

539 - Worship-Ministry Prayer (Heb. 13:15)

We should minister to God with our worship by praise, music, service to others, and direct worship of God. We worship by giving God our time, talents, and service (Gen. 24:26; Exod. 12:27; 2 Sam. 12:20; Job. 1:20; Heb. 1:14; Rev. 5:14). (See *Casting-Crowns Worship, Face-Down Worship, Worship-Prayer*).

540 - Worshiping God in the Backyard (Pss. 134)

When David brought the Sacred Chest to Jerusalem, he put it on Mt. Zion (Pss. 134:3). The ark was not in the tabernacle which was at Gibeon, miles from Jerusalem. The ark was placed in Zion which is connected to David's palace (that is, in David's backyard; see 1 Chron. 16:37-18:5). Zion was the place of worship (Pss. 134). The tabernacle at Gibeon was the place to sacrifice for sins. The New Testament calls this the tabernacle of David (see Acts 15:16), meaning we don't have to worship in a place (the temple or tabernacle) but that we can worship anyplace, as David did in his backyard. We learn worship from Pss. 134 (Pss. 100, 134, 145-150; John 4:24; Heb. 13). (See various *Worship* prayers).

541 - Worship-Prayer (John 4:23)

The one thing God won't legitimately do is worship Himself. He has created all things to reflect His glory and we must reflect His glory in our worship of Him. Worship is giving the *worship* to God for who He is and what He has done. We come to God to exalt and magnify God and bow in His presence to worship Him. We must worship God in "spirit," which means our spirit is completely focused on God. Also we come in "truth," which means we come according to the principles of prayer taught in the Word of God. (See *Crown-Casting Worship, Face-Down Worship, Pleasant-Smelling Prayer, True-Worshippers Prayer*).

542 - Worship-Roar Prayer (Rev. 19:6)

The spontaneous and unrestrained shout of praise, adoration, and worship to God. Since Christ must be magnified in all parts of our being, at times we can't control ourselves, so we shout our worship to God that sounds like the roar of thunder or a mighty waterfall (Ezek. 1:24, 43:2; Job 40:9; Pss. 29:3, 77:18, 100:1; Rev. 19:6). (See *Crown-Casting Worship, Face-Down Worship, Loud-Rejoicing, Singing-Prayer*, and various *Worship* prayers).

543 - Worthy-Praying (Rev. 4:11)

When we realize that the only One worthy of our worship and adoration is God, we come to God to worship Him. Then we ask God to make us worthy of coming into His presence to offer our petitions to Him. Technically, nothing we do makes us worthy (John 14:23; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:27; 2 Thess. 1:11). (See *Worship Ministry-Prayer*, and various *Worship* prayers).

544 - Worthy-Worship Prayer (Rev. 5:9)

The title deed of heaven and earth could not be opened until Jesus the Lamb of God was slain to break Satan's power, both over individuals and the earth. As a result, those in heaven cried, "Worthy" in worship to Jesus Christ. Now we worship God for His plan of

the ages, and we worship God for His power that redeems all things, both believers and the universe (Gen. 3:17-19; Isa. 11:1-11; Ezek. 37:11-14; Rom. 8:18-25; Rev. 5:5, 22:1). (See *Crown-Casting Worship, Face-Down Worship, Worship-Praise, Worship-Prayer*).

545 - Wrestling-Prayer (Eph. 6:10-12)

Wrestling may involve a struggle with an old nature or it may involve wrestling with evil, demons, or satan himself. *Wrestling Prayer* may involve constant petition, or “wordless” fervent intercession in God’s presence when both God and we know what must be done. It involves persistence and a will to not give up until the answer comes (Dan. 10:1-14; 1 Cor. 9:25-27; 2 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 12:1-4). (See *Defensive-Warfare Prayer, Deliverance Prayer, Hedge-Protection Prayer, Protection Prayer, Sin-Realization Prayer, Warfare Protection Prayer*).

546 - Written-Prayer (1 Chron. 4:10)

Just as poets can capture their feelings and experiences in words, so written prayers can capture the deepest yearnings of our hearts. However, we should not rule out our spontaneity or conversation in prayer. Writing our prayers breaks us of meaningless repetitious prayers, and helps us become more focused on the actual substance of our requests. However, there are a few implied weaknesses when we begin reducing our heart’s passion into words. Sometimes we read them without understanding the meaning behind the words. Every day we have new needs, no written prayer will be relevant to tomorrow’s needs. Also, writing out our prayers can also cause us to focus on grammar and syntax instead of expressing the deep needs of our heart. (See *First Prayer Each Day, Jesus’ Prayer, Lord’s-Prayer, Silent-Prayer*).

547 - Wrong Motives in Prayer (James 4:3)

There are prayers we shouldn’t ask God knowing the motives of our heart and wrong prayers are usually selfish. “You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures” (James 4:3). (See *False-Prayer, Hypocritical-Prayer, Pretend-Praying, Questionable-Praying*).

548 - Yearning-Prayer (Pss. 63:1)

The greatest yearning of a person is for God. The problem is many are hungry and thirsty but don’t know what will satisfy them. Yearning for God involves: (1) searching for God in the Word and prayers; (2) emptying our hearts of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; (3) showing intimate fellowship with Christ; and (4) resting in His presence (Pss. 27:4, 8; 42:1, 2; 63:1; Isa. 55:1-3; Matt. 11:28-30; John 4:14, 8:12, 15:1-7). (See *Hunger-Prayer, Thirst-Praying, Well-Digging Prayer*).

549 - Yielding-Prayer (Luke 22:42)

Sometimes we must give up what we seek in prayer because what we want may not be in God's plan for our life. We must trust the wisdom of God and ask Him for His grace to live whatever results He sends. We must pray "not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). When we recognize God has a plan for our life, we must yield to God to accomplish that plan (Gen. 37, 50:20; Pss. 48:1-2; Jer. 24:5, 7; Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 4:15-17, 5:1; Phil. 1:19-21; James 1:3-4; 1 Peter 1:7-8). (See *Commitment-Prayer, Guidance-Prayer, Service-Prayer, Will of God-Prayer*).