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■ Part 1

Prayers for Spiritual Crises

I Want to Be Saved Now



Father, this is a spiritual emergency for I need salvation. I acknowledge I have sinned and come short of Your glory (Romans 3:23). Thank You for demonstrating Your love to me in that while I was still a sinner, Christ died for me (Romans 5:8). Your Word says that Jesus is the only door to the Father and I must come to You through Him alone (John 10:9).

I repent of all my sins. Please forgive me, Lord, and come into my life now. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. According to Your Word, I am now saved (Romans 10:9-10). Fill me with Your Holy Spirit for it is He who works in me both to will and to do what pleases You (Philippians 2:13).

Give me a hunger and a thirst for righteousness, and a passion for prayer and Your Word. I also ask that You help me be faithful in my church attendance and readily share my faith with others.

Thank You, Father, for adopting me into Your family (Romans 8:15). In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



I'm Too Busy to Pray



Lord, I'm ready to conquer my prayerlessness. I want my time with You to be my top priority—not just in word but in deed. There are activities I have put before You and in so doing, decided that they are more important. I know that I'm responsible for every activity I have put on my too-busy schedule.

I am not allowing You the time to develop in me the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

I know that apart from You I can do nothing (John 15:5). Trying to run my life in my own strength is more than I can bear. I want to commit now to a regular prayer time with You because prayer is as important to my spirit as oxygen is to my body. Father, help me to start each morning with just _____ minutes of waiting quietly before You—absorbing Your love, Your wisdom, and Your enabling power for the day. Teach me to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) by being conscious of Your presence throughout the day. Thank You in advance for a dynamic prayer life that will bring glory to You. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



I Do Not Read My Bible



Father, please forgive me for my disobedience in not studying Your Word on a regular basis. I know that by not reading my Bible, I make myself defenseless against Satan because Your Word is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). I realize that I could have avoided a lot of my past anxieties, problems, and sins if I had hidden Your Word in my heart and not been so ignorant of Your promises (Psalm 119:11).

Father, I want to be prosperous and have good success. You cautioned that the key to fulfilling this desire is to meditate on Your Word day and night and do all that is written in it (Joshua 1:8). I ask You to please give me a hunger and thirst for Your truth. Help me comprehend the practical application of Your commands and precepts. I know that my intellect is insufficient because spiritual things can only be discerned by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14-15).

Thank You, Father, that even now You are giving me the desire to know You through Your Word. With Your help I will read a passage of Scripture on a daily basis and apply it to my life. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



Help Me to Fast



Lord, I really desire to fast on a regular basis because exercising this spiritual discipline has many benefits. I have tried and failed many times. My spirit is indeed willing, but my flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41).

I want to sharpen my spiritual sensitivity so I may hear Your voice more clearly and become an effective intercessor for my family, my friends, nations, and all in my circle of concern. You have declared that Your chosen fast will loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, free the oppressed, and break every yoke of bondage (Isaiah 58:6). I understand that some problems, conditions, and situations will only be eliminated by prayer *and* fasting (Matthew 17:21).

Help me not to fast to be seen or exalted by others because Jesus warned that it would be my only reward. I want to fast Your way, in secret, so You will reward me openly (Matthew 6:16-18).

Lord, help me to start where I am right now in my ability to abstain from food—whether it is fasting until a certain hour of the day, eating one meal a day, abstaining from specific foods for a period of time as Daniel did (Daniel 10:3), or a total fast (except for water) for one to several days. Direct my steps, O Lord, and bring me to full maturity in this area. I will give You all the glory for every miracle and every answered prayer. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



I'm Angry with God



Father, Satan is trying to capture my reasoning, weaken my spirit, and turn me against You (Job 15:12-13). Yes, I am angry because You have allowed this situation to happen. You had the power to orchestrate a different outcome in this matter, but You chose not to do so. Notwithstanding, Your Word says that all things work together for my good because I love You and I am called according to Your purpose (Romans 8:28). I suppose my anger is evidence that I do not trust Your wisdom and Your sovereign plan for my life. Forgive me for trying to bring You down to my level of thinking.

How great are Your riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for me to understand Your decisions and Your methods! (Romans 11:33-35 TLB). Deliver me from carnally minded thinking because when the Holy Spirit controls my mind, there is life, peace, and grace to accept Your decisions (Romans 8:6).

I receive Your grace to let go of my anger. I repent of my mistrust. I submit totally to Your sovereign plan. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



I Want to Know Why I'm Here



Father, I'm tired of wandering aimlessly through life pursuing no real purpose. This brings no glory to You. You have created all things, and for Your pleasure I was created (Revelation 4:11). You very deliberately formed me in my mother's womb to serve Your purpose in a unique capacity (Isaiah 49:5). I need Your help to make the path to my destiny clear. I want to stop ignoring or minimizing the gifts and talents You have invested in me and acting as if they are of no significance.

I believe my purpose is fulfilled in service to others so please reveal to me, in a very clear way, how I can serve mankind with everything You have given to me.

I want to do only those things You have destined for me to do and not be distracted by busy-work, wrong priorities, or the desires and demands of others. At the end of my life, I want to be able to say like Jesus, "I brought glory to You here on earth by doing everything You told me to" (John 17:4 TLB). In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



I Have to Make a Decision Now



Father, I need Your guidance and Your wisdom to make the right choice in this very important matter. Your Word says that if I resist being wise in my own eyes, lean not to my own understanding, and acknowledge You in all my ways, You will direct my paths (Proverbs 3:5-7). You promised to instruct me, teach me in the way I should go, and guide me with Your eye (Psalm 32:8).

I want to pursue Your perfect plan for my life. Help me understand that although there may be many plans in my heart, it is Your purpose that will prevail (Proverbs 19:21). Therefore, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, I submit all of my druthers and desires to You now.

Lord, I do not want to make this decision in isolation. Please send godly people across my path who will give me wise input because Your Word says that in the multitude of counselors there is safety (Proverbs 11:14). Help me hear instruction, be wise, and refuse it not (Proverbs 8:33).

For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake lead me and guide me (Psalm 31:3). In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

