

THE WORD

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
John 1:1-2

For the Lord will execute His Word upon the earth thoroughly and quickly.
Romans 9:28

The sum of Thy Word is truth and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting.
Psalms 119:60

God is His Word and praying God's Word is speaking the very being of God into the situation. Meditating upon His Word causes truth, Spirit and power to become integrated with our own beings and with the being for whom we are interceding. Speaking His truth, His Love, His power brings knowledge, cleansing, healing, and wholeness. It brings peace and unexplainable joy – it brings freedom!

Whatever the need, great or small, God's Word has the answer. Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Eph 6:17). This sword, the Word of God, is to be used as a powerful weapon against satan and all the powers of darkness. It is to be used to open all people's eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of satan to God, in order that they might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ (see Acts 26:18).

It is to be used to tear down strongholds, to build up, to heal, to set captives free, and to seek and save those who are lost.

God has this to say about His Word:

But to this one I will look. To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My Word.
Isaiah 66:2

Then the Lord said to me, you have seen well, for I am watching over My Word to perform it.
Jeremiah 1:12

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.
Luke 11:12

My son, give attention to My Words; incline your ear to My Sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart, for they are life to those that find them, and health to all their whole body.

Proverbs 4:20-22

Jesus might sanctify Her (the Church), having cleansed Her, by the washing of water with the Word.

Ephesians 5:26

It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

Luke 16:17

For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Hebrews 4:12-13

Thank You Lord that all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the men of God may be adequately equipped for every good work. In the name of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Lord worked with them, and confirmed the Word by the signs that followed.

Mark 16:20

Is not My Word like a fire says the Lord, and like a hammer that shatters a rock.

Jeremiah 23:29

He who gives attention to the Word shall find good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.

Proverbs 16:20

May Your loving kindness also come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your Word. I shall have an answer for him, for I trust in Your Word.

Psalm 119:41-42

For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear, and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall My Word be, which goes forth from My mouth, it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

For this reason we also constantly thank God, that when you received from us the Word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the Word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

I Thessalonians 2:13

We have heard the Word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

Luke 8:15

Whoever keeps His Word, in Him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.

I John 2:5

And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. (*Description of Jesus Christ*).

Revelation 19:13

If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

John 15:7-8

It is clear why God establishes such power in Scriptural prayer, using His Word, the Sword of the Spirit, as the most powerful weapon to destroy the enemy.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR GROUP INTERCESSION

Appoint a regular time, once a week or once a month, which is agreeable to all involved. Remember when two or three are gathered together in His name, Jesus is in their midst: consequently, two can be 'the group'.

Commit to coming together at this time. Let this commitment always be a first priority. Do not be tempted to make any other appointments or commitments during this time.

Appoint a leader, but with the understanding that all involved will share leadership. Allow a different person to lead the group from time to time, but keep the format the same. Commit to praying God's Word as a group, as well as individually.

Set a time limit and stick to it. This time should be used for prayer only. Save visiting and talking until after the group session, otherwise your intercession time can quickly become a gossip session.

- Come together in total silence
- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayer time.
- Ask the Lord's forgiveness for all known and unknown sins of the group. Silently confess any unforgiveness that you may be harboring, 'lest your prayers be hindered'.
- This is also an excellent time to pray the Deliverance Prayer (p23) or you can pray it at the end.

As you become a prayer warrior, you may experience some interference from satan and his allies. Satan is not pleased when God's army begins to pray against him and will no doubt plan a counter attack.

Consequently, you may want to get into the daily habit of binding satan in your life, your family's lives, and your work places. Quite frankly, I do not get out of bed without

praying the Deliverance Prayer. I try to remember the saying 'if the devil can't make you bad, he will make you too busy'. You will be amazed at the power of the Deliverance Prayer. This prayer is especially beneficial when prayed at the beginning of your intercessory group meeting for the members of the group and their families.

- Pray the Intercessors Creed (p13).
- Then pray the Scriptures for Intercessors (p14).
- Write the individual requests (first names only) on the Prayer Request Form (p174). This form may be copied and enlarged for easier use.

Consistently state the importance of confidentiality in all petitions. Always strive to be a trustworthy intercessor. Use first names only when praying for others.

- Identify the needs as salvation, physical healing, inner healing, special needs, deliverance, relationships, protection and comfort, wisdom and guidance, faith and strength, joy and peace.
- After all the requests have been put on the form lift the names to the Lord, praying several Scriptural Prayers where they apply.
- Close with the Deliverance Prayer (p23) if you did not pray it earlier.
- After intercession or 'hands on' intercession, you may find it helpful to pray the Cutting Free Prayer (p28).

This prayer sets your own spirit free from any burden bearing after intercession that could cause oppression, depression or even illness. If the intercession becomes intense, the need for this will be important. The Lord does not want you to carry the burdens of another. He wants you to release the person to Him, in order for the Lord to do His work in the person for whom you are praying. Releasing the person to the Lord is one key to healing, desperately hanging on to a person often prevents God's intervention.

Commit to praying for these petitions on the Prayer Request Form (p174) **individually** three to four times a week for three weeks to a month, then let the names go. Depending on how often you meet, you will be adding names throughout the month. Placing a date by the names will facilitate your knowing when to take names off the list. The little yellow stickies are very useful for listing names on the Scripture pages.

Fasting can be one of the most powerful tools of intercession. In difficult situations, fasting can make a significant breakthrough. This takes commitment and discipline, but the results are phenomenal. A one day fast seems to be sufficient. Omit breakfast and lunch. This is very little to sacrifice, but experience has shown that God honors the commitment.

Please pray the Scriptures and fast for the unity of the Church (p46), Israel (p53), your community (p68), the nation and worldwide issues (p64). There are over 20,000 prayer groups fasting and praying for the nation and the Church using Scriptures in *The Sword of The Spirit, The Word of God*. Please join us.

Remember, these suggestions are not absolutes, for there is no set way of praying; but when you are praying for people and situations at a distance, this type of intercession seems to work best.

We have found that praying the Deliverance Prayer and the Scriptures over people in the different categories is very powerful and is in God's will, for Scripture tells us that Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil, (I John 4:8) and God will not let His Word return void and He is quick to perform it (Isaiah 55:10-11).

We stand on the powerful promises of God's Word. We have also found that in praying this way, one can pray for many people in a short period of time. Remember, simply lift up the names to the Lord, pray the Scriptures, followed by the Deliverance Prayers, then let it go. Trust and let the Lord do His work through His Word. **'The Lord will work with us and confirm the Word by the signs that follow'** (Mark 16:20).

INDIVIDUAL INTERCESSION

Commit to praying at least three times a week. Choose the same time and place on the appointed days. If you find it hard to find the time, ask the Lord to waken you earlier on those 'committed' days. He will do it.

Read and meditate on the Scriptures for a few minutes, allowing yourself to come into the presence of the Lord. You may wish to keep a journal, jotting down the Lord's responses. What a joy this can be.

- **Invite the Holy Spirit** to guide your prayer time.
- **Pray the Intercessors Creed** (p13).
- **Pray the Scriptures for Intercessors** (p14).
- **Take the Prayer Request Form** (p174). This form may be copied and enlarged for easier use.
- **Write the names of the people** you want to pray for under the appropriate categories on the Prayer Request Form.
- **Lift up the names of the people** on your Prayer Request Form by praying several, or all, of the relevant Scriptural Prayers over them.
- **Pray the Deliverance Prayer** (p23) over all for whom you have prayed the Scriptural Prayers. (Pray it just once over all the names). Speaking these names and prayers out loud is very powerful.
- Please remember to pray for the unity of the Church (p46), Israel (p53), your community (p68), the nation and worldwide issues (p64).
- After intercession or 'hands on' intercession, you may find it helpful to pray the Cutting Free Prayer (p28).

Watch each day how the Lord will bless you with His love and presence. You will be amazed how lives will be changed as a result of obedience to intercession (see 2 Chronicles 7:14).

Do not limit yourselves to pray only for the requests that you receive. If we all unite as intercessors, praying God's Word,

in one accord, there is no limit to the victory of the light overcoming the darkness. Pray Deliverance Prayers and Scriptures against the evil that has the potential for causing destruction and division to our nation, our families, our government, our churches, our schools, our youth, our Christian beliefs. On pages 64-67 are suggested topics.

I have chosen these groups, and factions simply from the standpoint that if what they represent, or condone, is not in concordance with God's Word, then they are out of the will of God, and therefore, 'in the will of satan to do his work' (2 Tim 2:26).

The lists on pages 64-67 are only partial lists of the many people and organizations that the Lord wants to draw unto Himself. Be on the alert as you go throughout your daily activities. The Lord will consistently nudge you to pray for certain people, groups, institutions, and organizations.

Please remember as you pray for these groups that God created every one of these people in love. Every person comes from God, they are here on earth to serve God, and one day they prayerfully will return to God. We as intercessors are never to judge or condemn another human being. That is God's task, and His alone. We are only to pray for them, to lift them to the Lord in love. If anyone is in sin, we are to love the sinner but hate the sin.

Jesus Christ appeared in order to take away sins; and in Jesus there is no sin.

1 John 3:5

Unanswered Prayer

A word about unanswered prayer. This topic has been the 'unanswered topic' forever. No one seems to have the answer: however, I have experienced this: if a person does not choose to get well, praying for healing doesn't seem to make a breakthrough. Our heavenly Father has given all of us free will - the right to choose - and this is also true of healing. The person in question could have experienced rejection or trauma as far back as the womb, or may be carrying deep guilt from some woundedness or unconfessed

sin. It is my belief that both can result in the person being filled with guilt and/or shame, thus the person never feels worthy of healing. Subconsciously, dying may be their choice rather than healing. In situations with these characteristics, it takes in-depth inner healing to bring about a deep awakening, and an unquestionable knowledge of God's forgiveness and His unconditional love to give the person the desire to live, and thus receive healing. When this happens, the person finally realizes that yes, they were chosen by God, that they are here on earth to serve God, and one day they will go back to God. Knowing this gives life true meaning.

INTERCESSOR'S CREED

Thank You Lord that I did not choose *You*, but *You* chose me, and appointed me that I should go and bear fruit, and that my fruit should remain, that whatever I ask of the Father in *Your* name, He may give to me. In the name of Jesus Christ.

John 15:16

Lord I believe that all things I ask in prayer believing, I shall receive. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21:22

Thank You Lord that I believe in You and the works that You did I will do, and even greater works than what You, Jesus, did, I will do, because You are with the Father, and whatever I ask in Jesus' name, that will *He* do, that the Father might be glorified in the Son. In the name of Jesus Christ.

John 14:11-14

Thank You Lord that we believe that You are the God that gives life to the dead, and calls into being that which does not exist. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:17

I will do this also!

INTERCESSORS' SCRIPTURES

The following Scriptures are prayed by the intercessors for their fellow intercessors.

Thank You Lord that You will sanctify us in the truth. **Thy Word is truth.** In the name of Jesus Christ.

John 17:17

Thank You Lord that You will work with us and confirm **The Word** by the signs that follow. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Mark 16:20

Thank You Lord that the power of the Lord will be present unto us for Jesus to perform healing. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Luke 5:7

Thank You Lord that You will fulfill all of our petitions. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Psalms 20:5

Thank You Lord that You have heard us and You have attended to the voice of our prayers. Blessed be God who has not turned away our prayers or His mercy from us. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Psalms 66:19-20

Thank You Lord that we are strong, and the Word of God abides in us, and we have overcome the evil one. In the name of Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:14

Thank You Lord that You will strengthen us with power through Your Spirit in our inner man. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:16

Thank You Lord that we will devote ourselves to prayer, and ministry of the Word. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 6:4

Thank You Lord that we will cast out demons by the finger of God, then the Kingdom of God will come upon us. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Luke 11:20

Thank You Lord that the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, we will confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that they may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. In the name of Jesus Christ.

James 5:15-16

Thank You Lord that we will apply our hearts to discipline and our ears to words of knowledge in our prayer time. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 23:12

Thank You Lord that You will anoint all intercessors with the Holy Spirit and power as You did Jesus of Nazareth, so that we will go about doing good, and healing all who are oppressed by the devil; for God is with us. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:38

Thank You Lord that You will grant that Your bond servants will speak Your Word with all confidence, while You will extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus. And when we pray the place where we gather together will shake and we all will be filled with the Holy Spirit and begin to speak the Word of God with boldness. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:29-31

PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Finally, I will be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might:

I will put on the full armor of God, that I may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

For my struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places .

Therefore I will take up the full armor of God, that I may be able to resist in the evil day and having done everything to stand firm.

I will stand firm therefore, having girded my loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod my feet with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. In addition to all, I will take the shield of faith with which I will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one.

And I will take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God with all prayer and petition, I will pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, I will be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, And I will pray that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:10-19

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Holy Lord, I know that I have sinned against You by choosing to live in a manner that is not pleasing to You. I have rebelled against You in so many ways.

You ask that we love You with all of our minds, hearts, and souls, and that we love our neighbors as ourselves. I have not done this and I ask for Your forgiveness. I have broken all or most of Your commandments during my life. I have even doubted Your very existence. I have rejected Your Word. I have turned away from Your unconditional love You have continually offered me. I have turned my back on the poor and suffering. I have defiled my flesh and spirit by living in a manner that is an abomination to You. I have led such an ungodly life by worshiping the materialism of the secular world and by being involved in the occult, from time to time. I have not only lived sinfully, but I have either condoned or kept silent concerning the sins of others.

Lord I truly repent of all this sin in my life. I repent of the sins about which I know, the sins about which I don't know. Forgive me Lord of pride, rebellion, vanity, jealousy, judging, distrust, prejudice, adultery, fornication, dishonesty, theft, murder and greed. Please forgive me for my refusal and/or inability to forgive others. Take all this sin from me Lord. Wash me clean with the blood of Jesus Christ. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. A spirit that will worship You, glorify You, and serve You for the rest of my life. In the name of Jesus Christ!

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FORGIVENESS

It is important to keep our spiritual slate clean at all times as we intercede for the needs for others. Harboring any unforgiveness or unconfessed sins will definitely hinder prayers. Unforgiveness can be detrimental to our physical and spiritual well-being. It can manifest itself as depression, anger, hatred resentment and physical ailments, all of which rob us of peace, joy, health, and power. Forgiveness and repentance bring spiritual renewal, and a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.

I have a short forgiveness prayer that I composed after attending a conference on inner healing led by Francis and Judith MacNutt. When you pray this prayer of forgiveness from time to time, you will experience a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness, like repentance, is not just a one

For if you forgive men for their transgressions Your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then Your Father will not forgive your transgressions. (The words of Jesus)

Matthew 6:14-15

time action, it is to be ongoing if we are to be powerful in the Kingdom of God. The Forgiveness Prayer is on page 20.

Make a list of all the people and situations that have ever caused you hurt, pain, rejection, fear, loneliness, resentment, anger, jealousy, guilt, shame, dishonor. Don't forget to put your own name and God's at the top of the list. This is very important!

You may think that God would bring about adverse situations in your life as a result of some sin that you had committed. Please be assured that God would never do this. However, because you hold this thought about God in your mind and heart, there is the necessity to forgive Him. Sometimes you have to forgive God for having given you the

parents you were assigned.

Quite often the person you must forgive may already be dead. These people are often the most difficult to forgive, but are the most important. There may be people or situations in your life which you may feel are impossible to forgive, or ones that you simply refuse to forgive, or ones that you say you just cannot forgive since they have caused you such deep pain. Tell God this, confess your difficulty, then pray the prayer below out of obedience to Him and His Word. Watch a miracle happen!

Unforgiveness is a doorway for satan to come in and take control of your life, and even the lives of family members. Never let your unforgiveness rob your children or their children of the 'abundant life'! Remember the sins of the fathers are passed down to the 3rd and 4th generations. See Numbers 14:18.

FORGIVENESS PRAYER

Father, I lift to You all these people and situations, and I forgive them for hurting me, rejecting me, never being present for me. I forgive them for making me feel so unloved, so alone, so guilty, and causing me so much pain, and for demanding too much from me.

I forgive them for making me feel shamed, resentful, jealous, and angry. (Keep naming all the things you are led to pray. God will lead you.) I also ask, Father, that You forgive them for doing these things to me and I ask that You forgive me for holding a judgment against all of them.

Father, I know You don't need forgiving, but I forgive You for allowing me to be in these situations where I received so much pain. I also forgive myself for separating myself from Your love and forgiveness in all my life situations. I ask now that You fill me with Your love for these people, and for myself, and for the Lord Jesus Christ, who I believe is Your Son, Who died for me, was resurrected for me, and lives today for me. Please fill me with Jesus' love, peace, power, joy, forgiveness, and new life in Him. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank You Lord for setting my captive spirit free!

FREEDOM FROM GUILT

Lord, speak to me of guilt, it seems to trap so many and keep them in bondage:

'Guilt destroys the soul, for it completely negates My covenant with the people. I died on the cross for your sins and your guilt. Remember the scripture 'I will acknowledge my sin to You, and my iniquity I will not hide. I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and the Lord will forgive the guilt of my sin'. Psalm 32:5. That is exactly what I do when you confess Me as the Son of God. If you truly accept Me and my Word and repent, you will know that and be free of all sin and guilt. You will listen to Me. You will follow My Words, those words spoken to you in quiet moments and My Words spoken to you in the Scriptures. You will hold fast to those words and nothing will cause you to doubt. Doubt brings distrust, distrust brings anguish, anguish brings fear, fear brings separation, separation brings sin, sin brings guilt, and that guilt brings sickness to the mind, body and soul. Satan is the author of sin, guilt and death. I the Lord am the author of Life. Choose Life My Child!'

SCRIPTURAL PRAYERS FOR FREEDOM FROM GUILT

Thank You Lord that I will confess my transgressions to You, and You will forgive the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Thank You Lord that I believe in You and from my innermost being will flow rivers of living waters.

John 7:38

O Lord I thank You that You will make those living waters flow constantly in my soul. In the name of Jesus Christ.

DELIVERANCE

As you pray for the needs of others, you are actually becoming a prayer warrior, just as Jesus was and is today, constantly interceding for us to the Father. It is written that Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8). We are to do the same! Jesus said that greater works would we do than He did. Isn't it exciting to know we as believers have that power? All we have to do is to live into that promise of the Word. We have power over the demonic world, and all the demonic forces connected with that world. It is our duty as believing Christians, and especially as intercessors, to apply that power, and to destroy any destructive force brought about by satan. This can be done by binding and loosing in the name of Jesus Christ, and praying God's Holy Word.

You will find that as you enter into battle as a warrior, satan will no doubt plan a counter attack. Therefore, it is wise to stay on the alert, and remember the Deliverance Prayer, a mighty tool for keeping satan at bay. Praying the Deliverance Prayer over yourself and your family, may seem a tedious burden at first, but as you experience the power of this prayer, you will respect its part in intercession. Putting on the full armor of God is also a wonderful weapon against the powers of satan. The most powerful weapon of all against satan is God's Holy Word. No power of darkness can stand against the Word of God!

*For a more in-depth understanding of deliverance and how to deal with the evil that seems to have a grip on today's world, I would like to recommend Deliverance From Evil Spirits. A Practical Manual by Dr. Francis MacNutt.**

This book is available in most Christian Bookstores. You may order one direct from Christian Healing Ministries, P.O. Box 9520 Jackconville, Florida 32208. Telephone #904-765-3332.

DELIVERANCE PRAYER

In the name of Jesus Christ, we present to You Father ourselves, our families, our churches, our neighbourhoods, our towns and villages, our nation, and all nations of the world and each person and area for which we are praying. By the power of Jesus Christ, through His shed blood and the Holy Word of God, we bind the power of satan and all dominions of darkness seeking entrance into our lives and the lives of the ones for whom we are praying.

We bind any demonic assignments spoken or sent against us, and pronounce them to be of no effect. 'For this reason was the Son of God made manifest, to destroy the works of the devil' (1John 3:8).

We proclaim the ways and works of darkness over all of us to be broken. We bind the satanic forces of nature from harming any property that we possess or area for which we are praying.

Father, we ask you to dispatch the presence and power of Your Holy Spirit and Your Holy Angels to drive the devil from us, and to cleanse those places where the enemy has gained a foothold. Holy Spirit, come and manifest as a cleansing fire, in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name, we resist and break all curses, hexes, spells, voodoo, fasting prayers (not of the Lord) occult, satanic and Masonic rituals, the power of all blood sacrifices and covenants - any and all witchcraft and sorcery sent against any of us or any area, or transferred through the generational bloodline. We apply the blood of Jesus Christ to break all strongholds of iniquity and rebellion in all of us.

Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, we ask You to expose and bring into the light negative inner vows and strongholds that contradict Your Word and will. By the breath of Your Spirit, release Your truth as a sword to expose falsehood, curses of self-rejection, self-hatred, and reactive hatred and bitterness toward others. We take up the sword of Your Word and cut ourselves free from the

bondage of generational strongholds and ungodly character defects. In the name of Jesus Christ, we renounce all relationships dishonoring to the Lord. Father, break the power of soul ties over our minds and emotions for ourselves and for these people.

We proclaim our and their freedom to be the children of Yahweh God, to live as He intended us to live, filled and overflowing with the light and power of His Holy Spirit, filled with the life and love of Jesus Christ. We claim the full protection of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God over our individual lives, our marriages, families, our possessions, our churches, our neighborhoods, our towns and villages, our nation and for all the people, areas and situations we have lifted to You this day. 'You, O Lord are a shield about us. Our glory, and the lifter of our heads' (Psalm 3:3). Blessed be the name of the Lord! In the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank You Lord that You will say to satan, The Lord rebuke you satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you in all the lives, situations, and areas we just lifted to the Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 3:2

Thank You Lord that You will awaken our sleeping spirits, and bring us into the light. Thank You Lord that You will transform us by the renewing of our minds daily in Christ Jesus. Thank You Lord that You will pour out Your Spirit on us, and reveal Your Word to us. Thank You Lord that You will give Your angels charge over us in all our ways. Thank You Lord that we believe in You, and from our innermost beings shall flow rivers of living waters. Thank You Lord that You will direct our hearts into the love of God and the steadfastness of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF PROTECTION

We praise You Father,
Lord of heaven and earth. *Matt 11:25*

We thank You that You raised us up
with Christ and seated us with Him in
the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. *Eph 2:6*

In the name of Jesus, and in the
authority of God the Father *Luke 9:1*

and in the power of the Holy Spirit *Matt 28:18/Acts 1:8*

We tie up the strongman *Mark 3:27*

and all the spirits of the elements *Gal 4:3+9 (NEB)*

the rulers, the authorities, the powers

of this dark world and the spiritual

forces of evil in the heavenly realms,

on earth and under the earth. *Eph 6:12*

Phil 2:10b

We bless those who curse us *Luke 6:28*

and those who oppose us, and ask that

you will grant them repentance leading

them to a knowledge of the truth. *2 Tim 2:25*

Thank You that the Holy Spirit will

guide us into all truth. *John 16:13*

Holy Father, protect us (and those we

love) by the power of Your name. *John 17:11+15*

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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SHATTERING YOUR STRONGHOLDS PRAYER

I have included a prayer from Shattering Your Strongholds by Rev. Liberty S. Savard. This prayer stresses the importance of binding ourselves and others to the will and purposes of God and loosing the strongholds from our souls that prevent healing prayers from penetrating our spirits. I recommend that you incorporate this powerful prayer into your deliverance intercession. Shattering Your Strongholds is excellent reading for all involved in intercession, whether individual or corporate.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, I bind my and _____'s body, soul and spirit to the will and purposes of God for our life.

I bind our minds, wills and emotions to the will of God. I bind us to the truth and to the blood of Jesus. I bind our minds to the mind of Christ, that the very thoughts, feelings and purposes of His heart would be within our thoughts.

I bind our feet to the paths of righteousness that our steps would be steady and sure. I bind us to the work of the cross with all of its mercy, grace, love, forgiveness and dying to self.

I loose every old, wrong, ungodly pattern of thinking, attitude, idea, desire, belief, motivation, habit, and behavior from us. I tear down, crush, smash and destroy every stronghold associated with these things. I loose any stronghold in our life that has been justifying and protecting hard feelings against anyone. I loose the strongholds of unforgiveness, fear, and distrust from us.

In the name of Jesus, I loose the power and effects of any harsh or hard words (word curses) spoken to, about or by us. I loose all effects and bondages from us that may have been caused by mistakes we have made. Father, in the name of Jesus, I crush, smash and destroy generational bondages of any kind from mistakes made at any point between generations. I destroy them right here, right now. They will not bind and curse any more members of this family.

I bind the strong man, satan, that I may spoil his house, taking back every material and spiritual possession he has wrongfully taken from us. I loose the enemy's influence

over every part of our body, soul and spirit. I loose, crush, smash and destroy every evil device he may try to bring into our sphere of influence during this day.

I bind and loose these things in Jesus' name. He has given me the keys and the authority to do so. Thank You Lord for the truth. Amen.

May we all be loosed from the strongholds of anger, anxiety, competition, confusion, control, deceit, denial, depression, disease, disobedience, distress, distrust, doubt, envy, false security, fear, fornication, gossip, greed, guilt, hostility, immorality, immaturity, independence of God, isolation, jealousy, lust, manipulation, oppression, prejudice, pride, rebellion, self indulgence, sickness, suppression, violence and wickedness, procrastination, sibling rivalry, and people pleasing attributes.

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CUTTING FREE PRAYER FOLLOWING INTERCESSION

Lord Jesus, thank You for sharing with me/us Your wonderful ministry of healing and deliverance. Thank You for the healing I/we have seen and experienced today, but I/we realize that the sickness and evil we encounter is more than our humanity can bear, so cleanse me/us of any sadness, and negative thinking or despair that I/we may have picked up during intercession for others.

If my/our ministry has tempted me/us to anger, impatience or lust, cleanse me/us of those temptations, and replace them with love, joy, and peace. If any evil spirits have attached themselves to me or oppressed me in any way, I command you, spirits of earth, air, fire, or water, or of the netherworld or of nature to depart now and go straight to Jesus Christ, for Him to deal with as He will.

Come Holy Spirit, renew me, fill me anew with Your power, Your life, and Your joy. Strengthen me where I have felt weak and clothe me with Your light. Fill me with Your life.

Lord Jesus, please send Your^h holy angels to minister to me/us and protect me/us and my family, from all sickness, harm, and accidents, and give us safe travel. **We praise You now and forever, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

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A PRAYER TO BREAK ANY CURSE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON YOU

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God; and the only way to God, and that You died on the cross for my sins, and rose again from the dead.

I give up all my rebellion, and all my sin, and I submit myself to You as my Lord.

I confess all my sins before You, and ask for Your forgiveness – especially for any sins that have exposed me to a curse. Release me from the consequences of my ancestors' sins.

By a decision of my will, I forgive all who have harmed me or wronged me—just as I want God to forgive me. In particular, I forgive _____.

I renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic – if I have any 'contact' objects, charms, games, artifacts and books, I commit myself to destroy them. I cancel all satan's claims against me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that on the cross You took on Yourself every curse that could ever come upon me. So I ask You now to release me from every curse over my life, in Your name, Lord Jesus Christ!

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RENOUNCING THE OCCULT

Heavenly Father, In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce satan and all his works, witchcraft, the use of divination, practicing of sorcery, dealings with mediums and spiritualists, ouija boards, astrology, horoscopes, numerology, all types of fortune telling cards, palm reading, tea-leaves reading, levitation, and anything associated with the occult and satan, I renounce all of them and I will never go back to them again. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the

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name of Jesus Christ I now take the Sword of the Spirit and cut myself and the present generation of my family free from the effects of occult contamination in previous generations. All effects from contact with evil that have filtered through my family line must now cease. I ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill all those areas with His love, joy, peace, and His Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ.

2 Kings 21:6, 2 Chronicles 33:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-13

PRAYER OF SALVATION

1. Heavenly Father I want to be saved and come into the fullness of You. I know that I have sinned in my life, and I ask that you forgive all my sins, the ones I know about and the ones I don't know about. I now confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ IS the Son of God, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead. I ask that Jesus Christ come into my heart and create in me the kind of person You, Father, had intended me to be from the moment of my conception. I thank You for this wonderful gift, and now I know that I am saved.

2. Lord Jesus Christ,

I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. (Take a few moments to ask His forgiveness for anything particular that is on your conscience.) Please forgive me. I now turn from everything which I know is wrong.

Thank you that you died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. I now receive that gift. Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me for ever.

Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen

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RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for the most exciting gift on earth, the gift of salvation, but Lord Jesus, You promised us another gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit. So I ask You, Lord Jesus, to baptize me in and with the Holy Spirit, just as You baptized Your disciples on the day of Pentecost.

I want to be a disciple of Yours, Lord, filled with the Holy Spirit just as Your disciples were. I will try to do what You tell me to do, I forgive all those who have ever caused me pain, harm, rejection, or shame, and I ask You to forgive them. I also ask that You forgive me for holding a judgment against them. Breathe on me Your Holy Spirit. Thank You Lord for hearing my prayer. I will lift up my hands unto the Lord worshiping You and praising You with all my heart in the Spirit giving thanks, praise and glory to You forever. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank You Lord that You would grant to all of us according to the riches of Your glory to be strengthened with power through Your Holy Spirit in our inner man, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts, through faith, and that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled up to all the fullness of God. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:16-19

PRAYER OF RELEASE FROM THE CURSES OF FREEMASONRY

The following prayer was written for people and their family members, both present, past, and future generations, who have been involved in Freemasonry in any way. The prayer is intended to set free any and all family members from the curses that Freemasonry can bring on a family. I highly recommend the book Free From Freemasonry by Ron Campbell, and Masonry: Beyond The Light by Bill Schnoebelen. For more extensive information on the subject please contact jeoproject@aol.com

Ron Campbell encourages people to lift their family members who they know are or have been involved in Freemasonry, and to forgive them and ask God to forgive them for bowing their knees at the altars of Freemasonry. Then thank the Lord daily for His blessings and kindness.

Do not linger in fear and doubt for these are not of the Lord. Move on in faith claiming the Scripture, 'If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed'(John 8:36).

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority I possess as a believer in Him, I declare that I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the blood of Jesus all my sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, is cleansing me right now from all sin.

Through it I am righteous as if I had never sinned. Through the blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart for God and am a member of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, holy nation, peculiar people, that I may show forth Your praises Lord, who has called me out of darkness into Your marvellous light. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed and cleansed by the blood of Jesus. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, body, soul and spirit. His blood protects me from all evil.

In Jesus' name I confess right now that my ancestors have been guilty of idolatry. I call that sin, and I ask Jesus to completely remove that sin from my life and the life of my

family. In the name of Jesus I rebuke any and all lying and deceitful spirits of Freemasonry that may think they still have a claim on my family or me. In Jesus' name I renounce the spirits of Freemasonry and declare that they no longer have power over me. For I am bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus shed on Calvary. I renounce any and all oaths made at the altar of Freemasonry, in Jesus' holy name.

By the power of His shed blood I also break any generational curses and bondage that may be oppressing me by oaths made by my parents or ancestors. And I nail all these things to the cross of Christ. I also break any and all power of the devil of any oaths over my children or grandchildren and command them to leave them alone, For they are under the blood of the Lamb of God. Because of the blood of Jesus, satan has no more power over me or my family and no place in us. I renounce him and his host completely and declare them my enemies.

Jesus said these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name they shall cast out devils. I am a believer, and in the name of Jesus I exercise any authority and expel all evil spirits. I command them to leave me right now, according to the Word of God and in the name of Jesus.

Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth for the things which are before me, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF UNHEALTHY EFFECTS OF CONCEPTION

Heavenly Father, Creator of everything that lives, my Creator, go back to my very beginning. Release me from any harmful effects stemming from my conception, and anything wrong in my parents' relationship. Fill the moment of my conception with all the love and joy that You always wanted me to have. I know that You desired and planned my life with an everlasting love, stretching back to the very beginning of the world. Please let me know this in the very depths of my heart. Let me know how much You longed for me. In place of the darkness in my heart, fill me with Your light and love. Free me from every feeling of rejection and worthlessness. Let me know beyond the shadow of a doubt that I am Your child. Fill me with all the mother's and father's love that I so needed and missed. Let the very moment when I came to life be filled with Your light and love. In the name of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR FREEING YOUR CHILD FROM HEREDITARY PREDISPOSITION TO SICKNESS

Jesus, You know my family has a predisposition to (identify the weakness). We ask You to break this weakness and free our child, in Your name. By the sword of the Spirit, let our child be set free from any weakness or inclination to (name weakness). Let our child be set free at any level this weakness exists, whether it be spiritual or physical. If there is any demonic force that influences this sickness, we bind up that evil force in Your name. And now we command you, spirit of infirmity (or addiction), to leave our child and go straight to Jesus for Him to deal with, as He will! And now, Lord Jesus, fill our child with your health, Your love and power to replace any weakness that may have been there. Enable our child to embrace life. And we thank You, Lord Jesus, that this is being done. In the name of Jesus Christ.

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INCEST SURVIVOR'S PRAYER

We have had several incest survival victims and sexual abuse victims contact us asking for prayer because of the innumerable ongoing issues they are suffering. Praying the Deliverance Scriptures, Inner Healing Scriptures and the Deliverance Prayer have given relief to many. (See Answered Prayers under 'Deliverance' in the back of the book, p162). However, in-depth prayer ministry is almost always a necessity for the Lord to bring someone who has suffered this type of wounding into complete freedom. Below is a prayer written by an incest survivor which, prayed along with the prayers mentioned above, has been very helpful for her and other survivors during recovery.

God, My Father, Lord Jesus, my Savior and Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter, my name is _____, You know me well, and for that I thank You. I praise You, I love You. I exalt Your Holy Name. I thank You that Your will is being done on this earth.

I ask for myself, and other incest survivors, Your protection, fearlessness, tenacity, and empowerment to keep seeking Your truth, Your goodness, Your guidance to help us to think rightly and clearly, and to keep on keeping on in truth, even though it hurts deeply. You, Christ Jesus, died and rose again for us desecrated human beings so that we could come into Your presence. Let us be given Your Holy boldness to keep coming toward Your light. Help us to not allow ourselves to be turned away, or to fall away, because we think our sinfulness is greater and deeper, because it is our sexuality that was perverted at such an early age. Help us to know the sin done against us was not our fault. Help us to understand that as soon as we can work through the pain and rage of our lives, You will give us new lives.

Give us the courage to face our own sinfulness, which we have allowed to grow out of the evil done against us. You and only You can understand how twisted we are because of

the sins done against us. You and only You can deliver us and cause Your light to shine on and through us.

Thank You Jesus, our best Friend, with our best interest first place in Your heart. Thank You Jesus that You are able to love each one of us best, and that You and You alone understand how much we desperately need kind care and attention. Thank You that through the Holy Spirit You can come to us and cause us to know You intimately as no other person can or will, not even ourselves. Bless You Almighty God. In the name of Jesus Christ.

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THE CHURCH

The Commission of the Church according to the Word of God

It is written that Jesus said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.'

Luke 24:44-49

It is written that Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved: but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who have believed in My name: they will cast out demons, they will speak with other tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison it shall not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.'

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received into Heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Mark 16:15-20

It is written that these are the words of Jesus Christ when He appeared to His disciples after His resurrection according to John: ‘Peace be with you, as the Father has sent Me, I also send you’ and when He said this He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘**Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them: if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.**’

John 20:21, 23

The Gospel of Matthew says this about the great commission: **It is written** that Jesus appeared to the disciples and said; ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you and Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’

Matthew 28:18-20

It is written that Jesus Christ said, ‘**Scripture cannot be broken.**’

John 10:35

Thank You Lord that blessed is the Church who hears the Word of God and observes it. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Luke 11:28

When I refer to the Church in this section, I am referring to the body of Christ which includes every believing Christian, no matter what denomination, Catholic, Protestant, Jew (still God’s chosen people since God’s Word is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow), no matter what race. Remember Jesus’ words, ‘Go and preach the Gospel to all nations.’ The Body of Christ includes every person who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit, died, and on the third day rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven. Jesus commissioned the Church to love the Lord God with all its heart, to love one’s neighbor as oneself, to preach the gospel

of repentance and forgiveness of sins throughout all nations, to cast out demons in His name and to heal the sick.

Below we find Paul describing Rome in his day, (not many years before the Fall of Rome and not unlike our country today).

For it is written in Romans 1:18-32:

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them: for God made it evident to them.
- 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and the birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
- 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.
- 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
- 26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passion: for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,
- 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

- 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
- 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, greed, evil, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, they are gossips,
- 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
- 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;
- 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.'

Our world today definitely needs to repent, to forgive and to receive the healing touch of Jesus Christ. When the Church is in one accord carrying out Jesus' original commission 'to open eyes so that all people may turn from darkness to light, and from the dominion of satan to God, in order that all may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ' (Acts 26:18). Jesus' words to Paul! Then and only then will the church accomplish the true commission of Jesus Christ.

Then the healing will begin. Remember the words of the Holy Spirit, 'They have eyes to see, but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house.' (Ezekiel 12:2). 'Lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and return, and I should heal them' (Acts 28:27).

Romans 1:18-32 is not meant for judgment, but for describing our chaotic world today, a grim picture to say the least. However, God's unrelenting love from which nothing can separate any of us, and His saving grace are always present to bring forgiveness to the worst of sinners, to bring hope to the lost... to set the captives free... to bring rebirth to the dead in spirit.

Thanks be to God that He can and will accomplish all of this when one repents and is baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit and 'performs deeds appropriate to repentance' (Acts 26:20).

Please pray:

- for repentance for the Church, all nations, all states, all towns, all people! May they all 'repent and believe in the Gospel' Mark 1:15.
- that the love of Christ through His Word will redeem His Church, and His World.
- that the Church will come into the bond of unity, and fervently recommit in one accord to the commission that our Lord Jesus Christ gave to His disciples in the beginning.
- Thank you Lord that the Church will open all eyes so that all may turn from darkness to light, and from the dominion of satan to God, in order that all may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:18

- Thank you Lord that Jesus might sanctify the Church having cleansed Her by the washing of water with the Word that He might present the Church to Himself as a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that the Church should be holy and without blemish. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:26-27

- Thank You Lord that the Church may be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Jesus and have loved the Church and us even as You have loved Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ.

John 17:23