IMPACT FAMILY CHURCH

Faith Confessions

Introduction

Did you know that Jesus delegated His authority to you when he sacrificed His life on the cross and sent the Holy Spirit to be your helper?

You have the power to overcome adversity and fight back against the devil. Your words and confessions are powerful. What you declare over your life matters!

Healing is available to you. Financial prosperity is God's will for you. Don't let the world tell you who you are – know who you are in Christ. Have a good confession over your life. Pray for your pastors and your church.

Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

Declare these scriptures and faith confessions daily, and watch how it will change your life!

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How Do I Become a Christian?

You think you're a good person. You've always tried to be the best you can be, and do what is right. The good outweighs the bad in your life. But, after all of this, do you still feel empty, unsatisfied, void and alone?

You may have even tried things such as drinking, drugs, sex, materialism, partying or hanging with a certain crowd to fill this unexplained need you have.

But, is something still missing from your life? There is One who can fill that void— God. If you've tried lots of solutions to make your life right, but none seem to work, then He is the answer.

God has given us an important manual for life—the Bible. He is the author of this book and has given significant, truthful instructions for how we can have joy, hope and peace in life. He has the answers to the problems and emptiness you may face.

You are here for a purpose, and not by accident. We were separated from God because of sin in the beginning of the world. But, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who lived on earth, suffered punishment, and died on a cross to pay for your sins. Three days later, He rose from the dead.

Jesus loves you, and desires to have a personal relationship with you. But, sin separates us from Him.

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

The most important decision in your life will be whether you accept Him as your personal Lord and Savior. You must choose forgiveness and a relationship with God. This begins with repentance and turning away from your sins and old life to a new life in Christ.

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

You may think that you need to fix things or make things right in your life before you come to Christ. And many people feel that way, but it's not true!

God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. — Romans 5:8

You will be saved by the grace of God, not because you try to make things right in your life. He wants you to accept this salvation only because He loves you! It is not something to be earned ... it is a free gift.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8–9

For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Sin causes death, but because God sent His Son to die for your sins, you can have the free gift eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

All you have to do is to accept Him and confess Him as your personal Lord and Savior.

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:9–10

If you are ready to accept the gift of eternal life through Jesus, and you truly desire to ask Him into your heart to be your personal Lord and Savior, then pray this prayer:

"Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that You died for my sins and rose from the grave so that I might have eternal life in heaven with You. I willingly repent of my sins and ask You to come into my heart and life. Take control of my words, thoughts and actions. I place all of my trust in You for my salvation. I accept You as my Lord and Savior, and this free gift of eternal life. Amen."

If you have just prayed this prayer and accepted Christ, we would like to know so that we can celebrate with you! If you have questions or concerns, please call or write us. We want to encourage you in your walk with the Lord!

Healing in the Atonement

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.
John 15:7

Healing is the children's bread according to Mark 7:26-30.

For they (speaking of the Word) are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
Proverbs 4:22

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
Proverbs 16:24

…He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.
Romans 8:11

Surely He hath borne our griefs (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains): Yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgression, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes, we are healed.
Isaiah 53:4-5

…He cast out spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.
Matthew 8:16-17

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes, ye were healed.
1 Peter 2:24

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ…
Galatians 3:13-14

According to Deuteronomy 28:15-22, 27-29, 35-61, all sickness and disease are a curse of the law. But, praise God, according to Galatians 3:13, Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law!

Healing: Will of the Father

…for I am the Lord that healeth thee.
Exodus 15:26

And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill.
Exodus 23:25-26

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards Him…
2 Chronicles 16:9

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.
Psalm 91:10, 16

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases: Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Psalm 103:2-5

He sent His Word, and healed them…
Psalm 107:20

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord….
Jeremiah 30:17

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.
Isaiah 55:11

Is anything too hard for the Lord?…
Genesis 18:14

For with God nothing shall be impossible.
Luke 1:37

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.
Mark 10:27

If ye then, being evil (natural), know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?
Matthew 7:11

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights…
James 1:17

And behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean.
Matthew 8:2-3

Jesus said of Himself, “I came not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me” (John 6:38). Everything Jesus did in His earth walk was the will of the Father. He was the will of God in action. If you want to know the will of the Father, look at Jesus.

Healing: The Works of Jesus

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil…
Acts 10:38

Christ is the healer; Satan is the oppressor.
he thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
John 10:10

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching…and preaching…and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
Matthew 9:35

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet: and he healed them. Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.
Matthew 15:30-31

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

Healing: Ministry of the Church

Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.
John 14:12

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils…they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
Mark 16:15, 17-18

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
James 5:14-15

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
3 John 2

Healing: God at Work With

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.
1 John 4:4

Faith For Healing

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
Mark 11:23

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.
2 Corinthians 4:13

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
Matthew 17:20
Prayer of Faith

Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.
Mark 11:24

Who I Am

I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
(Psalm 139:14)

I am God's masterpiece.
(Ephesians 2:10)

I am made in the image of God.
(Genesis 1:26; Genesis 9:6)

I am forgiven.
(Acts 10:42-43; 1 John 1:9; Isaiah 43:25; Psalm 103:12)

I am redeemed by God.
(Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:7)

I am called by name.
(Ephesians 1:5-8; Isaiah 43:1)

I am a new creation – the old life is gone!
(2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:10)

I am greatly loved by God.
(Colossians 3:12)

I am His child.
(1 John 3:1-2; Romans 8:14-15)

I am an heir of God and co-heir with Christ.
(Romans 8:17; Galatians 3:29)

I am a member of God's family.
(Ephesians 2:19-20)

I am blessed in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing.
(Ephesians 1:3)

I am chosen to be part of a royal priesthood, a holy nation set apart for God.
(1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 5:10)

I am His treasured possession.
(Exodus 19:5-6; 2 Corinthians 4:7)

I am precious to God. I am being built into a spiritual house.
(1 Peter 2:4-5)

I am a temple of the living God.
(1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16)

I am full and complete – lacking nothing.
(Colossians 2:9-10; 2 Peter 1:3)

I am the righteousness of God.
(2 Corinthians 5:21)

I am His ambassador.
(2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

I am free.
(John 8:36; Galatians 5:1; Romans 8:2)

I am healed.
(1 Peter 2:24)

I am whole.
(Ephesians 3:19)

I am more than a conqueror.
(Romans 8:37; 1 Corinthians 15:57)

I am a warrior for Christ.
(2 Timothy 2:3-4; Psalm 18:32-42)

I am wanted.
(Ephesians1:4-5)

I am significant.
(1 Corinthians 12:27; Romans 12:4-5)

I am a citizen of God's Kingdom.
(Hebrews 12:28; Philippians 3:20)

I am sent by God.
(John 20:20-23; Romans 10:15; Matthew 29:16-19)

I am light in the darkness.
(Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 5:8)

I am a friend of God, chosen by Him and appointed to bear good fruit.
(John 15:15-16)

I am His radiant bride. I am without spot or wrinkle.(Ephesians 5:25-32)

Confessions

Love

- We are people of love according to Romans 5:5. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.
- We love people like God loves people.
- We are compassionate and merciful towards people according to God's love in us.
- Love is our standard in this life. God's love in us never fails.

God in Us

- The very nature of God is in me.
- I have Zoe (the life giving – life of God) living in me and quickening me according to Romans 8:11.
- Christ lives in me. (Colossians 1:27)
- All of the God head lives in me. (Colossians 2:9-10)

Faith

- We are people of faith. The faith of God is in us. (Romans12:3)
- We walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. (1 John 5:4)
- So now we believe that God is about to speak to us by His Word and by His Spirit. We open our hearts to receive the Word and to do the Word.

Who You Are in Christ

1. What I Am in Christ

- I am a new creation in Christ Jesus. My Spirit is created in the image and likeness of God. (II Corinthians 5:17)
- I am complete in Christ Jesus. (Colossians 2:9-10)
- I am righteous in Christ Jesus. I have right-standing with God, just like I had never done anything wrong. (II Corinthians 5:21)
- I am redeemed from the curse of the law (Deuteronomy 28)and that includes poverty, sickness, and spiritual death. (Galatians 3:13)
- I am God's child and a joint-heir with Christ. (Romans 8:16-17)

2. Where I Am in Christ

- I have been taken from Satan's kingdom and I am now in God's Kingdom. (Colossians 1:13)
- I am part of the Body of Christ and Satan has no power over me. (1 Corinthians 12:14-27, Luke 9:1, Luke 10;19)
- I am seated in Heavenly places with Christ Jesus far above all darkness and all things are under my feet. (Ephesians 1:20-23, Ephesians 2:6)

3. What I Possess in Christ

- All spiritual blessings in Heavenly places are mine in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)
- All my needs are supplied by my Heavenly Father in every area of my life, according to
- His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)
- I don't have to worry about anything for God has commanded me to cast all my cares onto Him. (1 Peter 5:7)

4. What I Can Do in Christ

- In the power of the Holy Ghost, I am a witness for Jesus. (Acts 1:8)
- I can and do tell others about Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- As a Believer, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I cast out devils, I speak with new tongues, and I lay hands on the sick and they do recover. (Mark 16:17-18)
- I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

Christ Formed in Us Prayer

Father of glory, we pray that you give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You: The eyes of our understanding being enlightened; that we may know what is the hope of Your calling, and what the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of Your power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of Your mighty power, Which You wrought in Christ, when You raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23)

And I also bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That you would grant us, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with might by Your Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto You Who are able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, To You be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

And we also pray and desire that we might be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to Your glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto You Father, Who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (Colossians 1:9-12)

Financial Confessions

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. I lack nothing. (Ps. 23:1)

My God does supply all my needs according to HIS riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:19)

God delights in the prosperity of His servant. (Ps. 35:27)

Through His poverty, I am made rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)

I am prosperous & healthy, even as my soul prospers. (3 John 2:2)

I seek happiness in the Lord, and He gives me my heart's desire. (Ps. 37:4)

Because I give, it is given back to me good measure, pressed down, shaken together & running over. Men are giving money to me. I have an abundant supply. (Luke 6:38)

The floodgates of heaven are opened over me and I am receiving a blessing that I cannot contain. (Mal 3:10)

I walk in God's favor today in all my business dealings and with people. I have God's favor and blessing on me. (Ps 5:12)

I have God's special favor upon me today. I am a success today. (Luke 2:52, Num 6:25-26)

God delights in my success and prosperity. I expect something good to happen to me today. (Ps 35:28)

I am the head and not the tail, I am above and not beneath. I am the lender and not the borrower. (Deut 28:2-14)

Jesus has redeemed me from the curse of lack and poverty and want. I am blessed because of Him! (Gal 3:13)

I am Blessed when I come in, and blessed when I go out. The Lord will cause my enemies who rise against me to be defeated before my face; they shall come out against me one way & flee before me seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon me in my storehouses & in all I undertake, and He will bless me in the land which the Lord my God gives me.
(Deut 28:6-8)

Prosperity Scriptures

Beloved, I wish (pray) above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
3 John 2

Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].
Ephesians 3:20

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, (wealthy) and he addeth no sorrow with it.
Proverbs 10:22

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.
Psalm 68:19

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
Galatians 3:14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual (supernatural) blessings in heavenly places in Christ.
Ephesians 1:3

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
2 Peter 1:4

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
Psalm 35:27

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.
Deuteronomy 8:18

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.
1 Timothy 6:17

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things to enjoy.
Romans 8:32

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Luke 12:32

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments. Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth forever.
Psalm 112:1 & 3

The Lord shall increase you more and more; you and your children.
Psalm 115:14

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].
2 Corinthians 9:8

But the meek shall inherit (possessing in their place) the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace (wealth, health, welfare).
Psalm 37:11

Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly.
2 Corinthians 10:15

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
Proverbs 11:24-25

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
Proverbs 8:17-19

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
Proverbs 3:9-10

Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied.
Deuteronomy 8:11-13

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
Deuteronomy 28:1-8

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What to Pray Concerning Your Church

Let's join together as a church body and pick up the Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit as we take our place on the front lines for Impact Family Church in praying:

#1 That God will build the House and have His way here.
Except the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it…[Psalm 127:1]

#2 That God will keep, guard, and protect this work.
…. except the Lord keeps the city, the watchman wakes but in vain….[Psalm 127:1]

#3 For the believers (all who attend Impact Family Church).
"…we pray that you give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You: The eyes of our understanding being enlightened; that we may know what is the hope of Your calling, and what the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of Your power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of Your mighty power, Which You wrought in Christ, …." [Ephesians 1:17-23]

"…That you would grant us, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with might by Your Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fulness of God…" [Ephesians 3:14-21]

"And we also pray and desire that we might be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to Your glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto You Father, Who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:" [Colossians 1:9-12]

#4 For the lost
1) That the blinders are off their eyes, 2) that God will send the rain to soften their hearts so they can receive, and 3) that God would send laborers into their path.
"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel …" [2 Corinthians 4:4]

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." [James 5:7]

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." [Matthew 9:38]

#5 For those who are Connected to Impact Family Church (giving, serving).
Keep and protect those He's given to us, that we are one and not one will be lost, just as Jesus prayed in John 17:9-26.

#6 For the finances of Impact Family Church.
"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse… and try Me now in this…If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."[Malachi 3:10]

"…my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." [Philipians 4:19]

"…he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully…" [2 Corinthians 9:6]

#7 For Pastor John to be refreshed, renewed, restored.
In Romans 15:30-32 Paul writes: "Now I beseech you brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in prayers to God for me, that I may be delivered from those who do not believe in Judea, and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints, and that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. His request for prayer is a model we can use to pray effectively for our pastors and other spiritual leaders. So let's strive together in prayer for them, praying that:

Our pastors will be snatched out of the traps and snares set for them by people who have wrong motives.

The ministry will be blessed and accepted and that people will receive and hear our pastors' hearts the way they mean to convey it.

Our pastors will have and will hold onto their joy in spite of everything they have to deal with in ministry.

Our pastors will have the wisdom to know what they are supposed to do in various situations they face.

Our pastors will be refreshed, restored, recharged, rested, renewed, and rejuvenated.

What else can you do for your Pastors, you ask?
Don't miss weekly Worship Experiences, continue to give, continue to serve, and bring someone with you to church!!

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How to Pray for Your Pastors

1. Pray that he has a good conscious and is willing to live honestly in all things (Hebrews13:18).
2. Pray that God's Word has free course in the church and is glorified (2 Thessalonians 3:1).
3. Pray that your pastor is delivered from wicked and unreasonable men (2 Thessalonians 3:2).
4. Pray for utterance and unction from the Holy Ghost for your pastor (Ephesians 6:19).
5. Pray for boldness for your pastor (Ephesians 6:19).
6. Pray that your pastor says what God tells him to say (Jeremiah 1:7).
7. Pray that your pastor is not intimidated by people and he is not afraid of their faces (Jeremiah 1:8).
8. Pray that God puts His Words in your pastor's mouth (Jeremiah1:9).

Pastors John and Alison are:

- Filled with the Spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of You.
- Fulfilling your perfect purpose & plan for their lives.
- Guided by the spirit of wisdom, knowledge, counsel, might & understanding in every meeting, activity, & conversation.
- Protected from all hurt, harm, danger & accident.
- Giving themselves continually to prayer & the ministry of The Word.
- Walking in divine health & are physically fit.
- Enjoying free time without interruption & are refreshed & rested for every day's work.
- Teaching believers how to have dominion over this world.
- Always in the right place at the right time with the right people, info & understanding.

We Declare that:

- Pastors John & Alison Hear the voice of the Good Shepherd & the voice of a stranger they do not follow.
- Sickness, disease, poverty, lack, fear & oppression have no power over our pastors.
- Their youth is renewed like the eagles.
- No weapon that is formed against them shall prosper.
- Every lying tongue that rises against them shall be silenced.
- Every business deal works to their favor & advantage.
- Your blessings overtake them because they harken diligently to the voice of The Lord their God.
- We cancel every attack of the wicked one to bring deception, distractions, hindrances & temptations into their lives.
- Devil, you are bound & have no authority over our pastors, their family, or their possessions.
- We cover Pastors John & Alison with the blood of Jesus & release the angels of God to minister for them & bring them into God's best every day of their lives.
- Doors of utterance are open for them to boldly proclaim The Gospel with signs following.
- Pastors John & Alison have clarity of vision, unimpeded by ungodly sources or input.
- All hidden things of darkness are revealed to them & made manifest by the light.
- The anointing of increase is upon their lives & whatever they do prospers.
- Their family is of one heart & are enjoying heaven on earth.

Why Do We Need to Pray Specifically for Pastors John & Alison?

Sermon: The Local Church and You | Part 3

Because the apostle Paul's ministry demanded so much of him and because there was so much resistance to stop him, he knew he needed as much prayer support as he could get! That is why he wrote to the Romans and asked, "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed."

By studying this specific prayer request of the apostle Paul, we can gain insights about how we need to be praying for our own pastors or for those who are in spiritual authority over our lives. So let's take a few minutes to seriously look at these verses today to see what we can learn about praying for our spiritual leaders.

First, Paul makes the following request: "that ye strive together with me in your prayers." The words "strive together" are taken from the Greek word sunagonidzomai, which is a compound of the words sun and agonidzo. The word sun means together and carries the meaning of doing something with someone else. The word agonidzo means to agonize. It indicates an intense agony; a violent struggle; anguish; contending with an enemy; or fighting in a contest.

This tells me that Paul was in a great spiritual battle at the time he wrote this prayer request. In fact, the fight was so intense that he felt the need for others to join with him in prayer. He didn't want to face this spiritual fight alone, so he opened his heart and asked others to join with him in fighting this battle.

As you pray for your pastor or spiritual leader, remember that he or she needs your support in prayer. Just as Jesus requested Peter, James, and John to pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, your pastor needs your prayer support. Yes, he can pray alone, but it will be such a help for him to know that others are standing in faith and in the Spirit with him. The apostle Paul needed this, and your pastor needs it as well.

Second, Paul specifically asked them to pray: "That I may be delivered from them that do not believe" (v. 31). The word "delivered" is the Greek word ruomai, which means to be rescued, to deliver, to snatch out of, or to drag out of danger.

It may sound strange that Paul would request others to pray that he would be delivered from those who didn't believe. But Paul had gone through many experiences with "unbelievers" who resisted him, as well as with so-called "brethren" who gave him constant troubles. It is simply a fact that the devil works primarily through people. When he wants to stop the advancement of the Gospel, he often tries to resist a local church or pastor by stirring up someone in the community to be against the pastor. Sometimes the enemy even uses people inside the local church to create problems that bring division and disaster. So when you pray for your pastor, remember to pray that he will be snatched out of the traps and snares set for him by people who have wrong motives.

Third, Paul requested prayer: “that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints” (v. 31). The word “service” is the Greek word diakonia, which is the Greek word for the ministry. The word “accepted” is the Greek word euprosdektos, which means to be pleasing, acceptable, or well-received.

This is an expected prayer request from a preacher! Paul has sought God through prayer and listened to hear what the Lord is saying to his spirit because he wants to do well in his ministry. Paul desires every word to be spoken correctly, accurately, and in a way that pleases God. Furthermore, he wants people to believe in the sincerity of his motives and not to question whether he has ulterior motives for speaking to them about the Lord. Thus, he prays that his ministry to the saints in Jerusalem will be well received.

As you pray for your pastor, be sure to include this item on your prayer list! Pray that his ministry will be blessed and accepted and that people will receive him and hear his heart the way he means to convey it. He needs your prayer power working behind him as he takes specific words from God into various situations.

Fourth, Paul requested that the believers in Rome pray “that I may come unto you with joy” (v. 32). The word “joy” is the Greek word chara, meaning joy, gladness, or rejoicing. This simply means Paul wanted to have joy in his ministry! He had faced many hardships that gave him opportunities to lose his joy – such as broken friendships, dashed expectations, political turmoil, church divisions, and so on. Paul’s request was very simple: “Please pray that I will have and will keep my joy in the middle of everything I have to deal with in my ministry!”

Just think of the things that happen in your own life that tempt you to lose your joy. What about your pastor? Think of all the people he counsels, the marriages he tries to help, the sermons he has to prepare, and the organization he has to oversee. Then on top of all that, think of the disappointment your pastor is tempted to feel when people he has helped in the past decide to leave the church. I guarantee you that there are many opportunities for your pastor to lose his joy.

So take Paul’s prayer request to heart and apply it to your pastor. Pray that your pastor will have and will hold on to his joy in spite of everything he has to deal with in his ministry!

Fifth, Paul prayed: “That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God.” The word “will” is the Greek word thelema, meaning the design, purpose, plan, or will. Paul wanted to be right in the middle of God’s will for his life!

Just as we pray to make no mistakes and to be right where God wants us to be, Paul prayed the very same prayer! He wanted the saints to pray that he would make no mistakes and that he might always stay in the perfect plan of God.

So when you pray for your pastor, pray that he will have the wisdom to know what he is supposed to do in the various situations he faces in his ministry. Questions come at him all day long, and he needs your prayer support to make right decisions. And just as Paul requested prayer that he would be in the will of God, help your pastor by strongly praying that he will stay sensitive to the Spirit so he can avoid making costly mistakes and follow God’s will for himself and for the church.

Sixth, Paul requested prayer that be might be “refreshed” (v. 32). The word “refreshed” is the Greek word sunanapauomai, a compound of the words sun and anapauomai. The word sun means together with, as to do or to experience something with someone else. The word anapauomai means to calm, to soothe, to refresh, or to be refreshed. When these two words are positioned together, they become the word sunanapauomai, which means to be refreshed with someone else.

Everyone needs to be refreshed from time to time – including pastors and preachers! People tend to think that pastors and preachers don’t need the same refreshing that others need, but everyone needs to be refreshed and touched by God from time to time! Paul makes his need for refreshment known by telling his Roman readers, “I need to be refreshed just like the rest of you, so please pray that I will be refreshed!”

As you pray for your pastor, or for the ministries and missionaries you support, use this prayer request of the apostle Paul to guide you in your prayers. This prayer was included in the New Testament by the Holy Spirit to let us know that everyone – including ministers of the Gospel – need people to stand behind them in prayer. So why not use this prayer as a tool to help you pray more effectively for the spiritual leaders to whom God has connected you?

Lord, I am making the decision to stand with my pastor in prayer! I want to join him as a sincere prayer partner and support him spiritually by praying for him. I ask You to deliver him from people who have wrong motives. I also pray that his ministry will be well received; that he will have joy in his ministry; that he will make right decisions and stay in the will of God; and that he will always feel strong and refreshed in his spirit, soul, and body. Please richly bless my pastor, his wife, and his family.
I pray this in Jesus’ name

I confess that I am a strong support to my pastor and his family. I regularly pray for him and for the other ministries and missionaries God has called me to support. They need my prayer power – and I stand with them in the Spirit for God’s blessings to come upon their lives!
I declare this by faith in Jesus’ name!

1. *Do you spend time praying for your pastor and the needs he may be facing in his own life? If you were a pastor, don’t you think that you would want your congregation to be praying for you?*
2. *Based on Paul’s prayer request in Romans 15:30-32, what is the most important thing you can be praying for your pastor right now?*
3. *As you pray, do you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to pray anything special for your pastor and his family? If so, pay close attention to that prompting, for it may be a special leading of the Holy Spirit to show you how to support him and his family in prayer, especially at this present time.*