

“Prayer”

“Learn To Pray Scripture”

“Lord, I want to give thanks for _____ as I remember **him/her** in my *prayers*. I want to ask You to give _____ the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that **he/she** may know You better. I *pray* also that the eyes of **his/her** heart may be enlightened in order that **he/she** may know the hope to which You have called **him/her**. May _____ know the riches of Your glorious inheritance. May **he/she** know Your incomparably great power in every area of **his/her** life for I know that the power You offer is like the working of Your mighty strength. In Jesus’ name, Amen.” (Eph. 1:16-19)

“Lord, I *pray* that out of Your glorious riches You may strengthen _____ with power through Your Spirit in **his/her** inner being, so that You, Jesus, may dwell in **his/her** heart through faith. And I *pray* that _____ may be rooted and established in love. May **he/she** have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. May _____ begin to know Your love that surpasses knowledge and may **he/she** be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.” (Eph. 3:16-19)

“Lord, I *pray* that _____’s love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that **he/she** may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. May **he/she** be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through You, Jesus, to the glory and praise of God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.” (Phil. 1:9-11)

“Lord, I’m thankful for _____’s faith in You. Thank you for **his/her** love for all the believers both here at RCC and those who around the world. Lord, I ask you to fill **him/her** with the knowledge of Your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. May **he/she** live a life worthy of You. May _____ please You in every way. May **he/she** bear fruit in every good work. May **he/she** grow in the knowledge of You. May **he/she** be strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might so that **he/she** may have great endurance and patience. May _____ joyfully give thanks to You because you have qualified **him/her** to share in Your inheritance in the kingdom of light. In Jesus’ name, Amen.” (Col. 1:3-4, 9-12)

Assurance of Answered Prayer

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. (John 16:24 NIV)

What does it mean to ask in Jesus' name? (Authority)

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7 NIV)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15 NIV)

‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’ (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us ... (Ephesians 3:20 NIV)

How do you think God would respond to a request for something He knew would be bad for you?

What do you think God would do if He knew the answer would be better for you at another time?

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (James 4:3 NIV)

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; (Psalm 66:18 NIV)

ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-10 NIV)

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24 NIV)

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. (Psalm 38:18 NIV)

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Proverbs 28:13 NIV)

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. (Psalm 86:5 NIV)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace (Ephesians 1:7 NIV)

But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, (Hebrews 10:12 NIV)

Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” (Hebrews 10:17 NIV)

Assurance of His Strength

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13 NIV)

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. (2 Cor. 12:9 NIV)

The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10 NLT)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 NIV)

I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:1-2 NIV)