# **Book of Prayers**

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Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for a new year starting.

Thank You for Your love and grace, Lord.

We are painfully aware that we have failed You in many ways this past year.

Perhaps we were not always obedient, or didn't always love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

And perhaps we didn't always show grace towards our fellow mankind.

But You didn't criticise us, Lord, You just kept loving us.

We love you Lord.

Bless You for loving and blessing us every day.

In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for the privilege to be in your House today.

Thank You for your Holy Spirit to guide and protect us every day.

We surrender our lives to You, Lord, and ask that You work through us for the benefit of others.

You placed Esther strategically in the king's court at a crucial time when she could save the lives of God's people.

You placed Joseph strategically to become the most powerful adviser to the pharaoh in Egypt and to save Jacob and his family from a devastating drought.

Please reveal to us how we can make a difference in someone else's life in our generation.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, we come to You in humbleness today.

We stand in awe at Your Creation, Lord.

You have created everything for our benefit, Lord.

You even sent Your Son to teach us about the Bible.

And You allowed your Son to be crucified so we can have eternal life.

Paul fell to the ground when God spoke to him on the road to Damascus.

Peter fell down at Jesus' knees when He spoke to him.

Speak to us with Your still small voice, Lord.

We tremble at Your Word, Lord, with a sense of holy expectation.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You in submission today.

Thank You for Your presence, Lord.

Like clay in a potter's hand, we are in Your hands.

Please use us as Your holy vessels.

Remove all impurities from our hearts.

And shape us into the person that You want us to be.

We worship You in love, praise, honour and glory.

In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You in obedience and love today.

We know that businesses and institutions base their goals and objectives on their own dreams and desires they want to accomplish.

But You work differently.

You reveal Yourself to us regardless whether it makes sense or not.

Thank You, Lord, for already knowing what is good for us and our family, our church and our country.

Reveal to us, Lord, Your Will for us.

And guide us along Your wonderful ways.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of prayer.

Lord, You hear every prayer and You know what we are going to ask before we even begin to ask You.

Thank you, Lord, that we can come to You in prayer when we have to make important decisions.

We have a wonderful example of prayer in Your Son Jesus.

He often prayed for the entire night to determine the Father's Will.

Many people wanted to influence the life of Jesus.

The crowds wanted to crown Him king, Satan attempted Him to compromise, but Jesus knew to remain obedient to the Father.

Help us to follow the example of Jesus in discovering the agenda of our lives.

In the Name of Jesus we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You today in the pursuit of righteousness.

Thank You for the promise of a reward when we sow righteousness.

Help us to live our lives to reflect the holiness of God.

Let our actions demonstrate that we serve a holy God.

As children of God, we want to be above reproach in all our relationships.

Please take away evil and sinful thoughts from our mind.

Remove bitterness, jealousy and unforgiveness from our lives.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the freedom to read the Bible in this country.

Your Word always speaks to us with a purpose.

If we have a problem with sinful talk, Your Word will address the tongue.

If we struggle to forgive, God's Word will confront us with His standard for forgiveness.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

Wash Your Word over us and remove any sin and impurity.

Help us to take Your Word seriously, abiding by Your every instruction.

We love You Lord.

Bless You for blessing us all.

In the Name of Jesus.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing our prayer today.

We exalt and lift You up on high in the name of Jesus.

We worship You, Majesty.

The kingdom authority flows from Your throne unto Your own.

Jesus who died is now glorified and King of all Kings.

Lord, please help us to own up to our own mistakes and failures.

We so often blame Satan for the consequences of our sins instead of acknowledging our part in the sin committed.

Help us to appreciate that we suffer Your discipline with good reason.

We know that Your nature is pure love, and that You will correct us because You have our ultimate good in your heart.

In Jesus name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your power.

We pray for a complete revival of Your people.

We often think that we need more volunteers to carry out the Lord's work, but what we need is the outpouring of the Power of God.

When You come among Your people in power, there is never a shortage of volunteers for Your work.

Make us realise, Lord, that we were not saved to go to Heaven, but to carry out Your mission to redeem a lost world.

Give us hearts that are so responsive to You that You will choose to demonstrate Your power through us.

Fill our hearts with love so that we may use every opportunity to please You.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for helping us to grow spiritually.

Lord, You developed Abraham's character for 25 years before You blessed him for future generations.

After 25 years you blessed him with his first son Isaac and set in motion the establishment of the nation of Israel.

And thousands of years later You blessed Abraham's life by his descendant, Jesus.

Sometimes this character building can be long and painful for us.

We surrender our lives to You, Lord.

Equip and guide us to grow spiritually so that we can carry out the assignment that You have in mind for us.

We know that You will not give us more responsibility than we can handle.

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us to reconcile with our enemies.

Lord, You know how difficult it is to love our enemies unconditionally regardless of how we are treated.

The world seeks reconciliation on limited terms, but Believers are to be reconciled whatever it takes.

The Bible tells us to love our enemies, and if they persecute us, to pray for them.

When Jesus was nailed on the cross, He prayed for the forgiveness of those who opposed Him, because they didn't know what they do.

Lord, please give us the courage to be obedient to You at all times.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that we can confidently call ourselves Your sons and daughters.

Thank You for a new life in Jesus Christ.

Scripture tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ and the death of the Son of God is sufficient to completely free us from our sins.

Jesus said that unless we are born-again, we cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Healing for every hurt we have is available.

Thank you Lord, that the old things have passed away now that we are in Christ.

Help us to spread Your Word so that our fellow brothers and sisters can experience the hope of glory You have in store for us.

We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your presence in our lives.

It was Your plan right from the beginning of time to place Your Son in every believer.

When Christ lives in us, we are grateful that He brings every divine resource with Him.

Every time we face a need, we will meet it with the presence of the crucified, risen and triumphant Lord of the universe living in us.

Lord Jesus, we give You access to our lives so that You can live Your life through us, and that the people around us can see Your presence in our lives.

Please reveal Yourself to those around us by working through us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word of Truth.

We praise You for calling us out of darkness into Your marvellous light.

Satan tries to convince us that our past sins render us useless to God.

This is a lie from the author and father of lies.

It can bring a sense of defeat and hopelessness to a believer.

But it is with grateful hearts that we proclaim that through the grace and power of Your will, the Truth has set us free.

When we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We pray that we receive the truth deep into our hearts.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your unconditional love for us.

Being close to You, Lord, we are constantly effected by Your love.

Your love for the broken and sinful world was manifested in Your Son and Your plan to save mankind was instilled in Your passionate and loving Son, Jesus.

Only Your divine love could motivate Your Son to be crucified for our sins, so we can inherit eternal life.

Lord, please fill us with Your divine love and make us obedient to Your will and ways for our lives.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for today. Thank You for Your peace and love.

Lord, Your Apostles had the privilege to walk with You, talk with You and ask You questions.

And because You loved us so much, your Son was crucified for our sins so that we can have eternal life.

When the curtain was ripped from top to bottom, we can now take all our griefs and concerns directly to You in prayer. We don't need a High Priest to plead our case once a year.

Thank you Lord, for the continued support and teaching by the Holy Spirit so that we can grow spiritually.

I pray this in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Father, thank You for Your presence in church today.

Thank You for drawing us near to You in this place of Worship.

Thank You for responding to our desire to learn more about You.

Bless the Pastor who You chose to bring your Word to us today.

Grant us the understanding to grasp Your message and meditate on it during the week.

Help us to apply the fruits of the Spirit in our everyday lives.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing our cries today.

Just like Jesus suffered, we also suffer sometimes and it feels like You don't hear our cries.

You didn't spare Your Son's life when the Jews put nails in His hands and feet, pressing thorns into His head and flogged Him.

All because of your great love for us sinners. You knew what had to be done to save Your children.

Lord, help us to endure whatever You place on our path, and make us grateful for all the undeserved blessings You bestow on us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us obedience through our hardships. Sometimes the only way to build our character, is through suffering.

King Saul was made king without ever enduring hardships, but he never developed the character or maturity to handle God's assignment.

David spent years in suffering and heartache, and when he finally ascended the throne, he was a man after Your own heart.

Lord, teach us not to resent suffering, but to grow stronger by praying for guidance and abide by your Will.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that we can gather in Your House today, worshipping with our fellow believers.

When Israel was about to meet You, You required them to make careful preparation.

Nowadays we are so busy with worldly things during the six days before Sunday, that it is often difficult to switch off and focus on You.

You established the Sabbath so people could rest the entire day and refocus on You and Your will for us.

Lord, help us to allow You to guide and protect us, not only on Sunday, but the whole week.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, help us not to prove to be disobedient to You.

You do everything for a reason; You met Paul while he was still prosecuting believers and You turned him round to work for Your Kingdom.

Paul enjoyed performing miracles, preaching to large crowds, and starting churches. But he was also stoned, shipwrecked, whipped, mocked and imprisoned.

Lord, give us the tenacity and devotion that Paul had, to do the Father's Will. At the end of our lives we would also like to say: I was not disobedient.

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the path that You have chosen for us.

We are not always satisfied with our lives, maybe wanting a bigger house, better health or to stay closer to our children.

Peter and John received very different assignments in their lives, yet both of them enriched our lives. We learn so much from them to apply in our lives.

Lord, help us not to take our eyes off the Master to focus on a fellow believer, but be grateful for all our blessings.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word. Help us to find encouragement in Your Word, and not in the opinions of other people.

Surround us with righteous people instead of sinners so that we can continuously grow in righteousness.

Lord, please remove any ungodly people from our midst and fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we can bear the fruits of the Spirit.

Bless you Lord, for blessing us all every day.

Cover us with the blood of Jesus.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for a season for every purpose under heaven.

You have designed each season beautifully and they all work together to bring us life and growth.

When Spring starts, we begin new things and look excitedly toward the future.

In Summer we work diligently in the heat of the day at all that God has assigned to us.

With Autumn comes the fruition of things begun at an earlier part in our lives.

Sometimes Winter brings hardship, but we remain hopeful, because another spring is just around the corner!

Lord, help us to remain faithful during all seasons of our lives.

We trust that You will bring about Your perfect will for each one of us.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the great privilege of being Your children.

We would like to pray along with Jabez:

'Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, And that You would keep me from evil, That I may not cause pain!'

Lord, we live in a fallen world filled with sin.

We pray for protection from evil and guard our thoughts and actions.

Fill our mind with positive thoughts and attitudes.

In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Abba Father, let me be

Yours and yours alone.

May my will for ever be

Evermore Your own.

Never let my heart grow cold,

Never let me go.

Abba Father, let me be

Yours and Yours alone.

Dear Heavenly Father, we surrender ourselves to You.

We will love and trust in You, our blessed Saviour.

We bow humbly at Your feet.

We have forsaken all worldly pleasures.

Let us feel the Holy Spirit,

And let us truly know that we belong to You.

Fill us with Your love and power,

And let Your blessings fall on us.

Now we feel the sacred flame,

And the joy of salvation.

Glory to Your name!

This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us not to fear anything except You. Not fear as in being scared of You, but fear as in respecting You for who You are.

Lord, please remind us that when we are scared of people or situations, it doesn't come from You, but it hinders us from pleasing You when we try to pacify them who scare us.

When Timothy evangelised with Paul, he knew about the frequent trials and persecution that Paul had suffered, and there was a good chance that he might suffer the same things.

Lord, give us a proper perspective so that our imagination does not magnify problems and stop us from being obedient to You.

Set us free from living in fear so that we can carry out Your will for us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for being there for us when we become bewildered by our circumstances.

Like the two men who walked along the road to Emmaus, discussing the confusing events of Jesus' death that left them perplexed and discouraged.

Lord, I pray that You will draw near to us and open our minds to the truth of the Scriptures.

Once You have given us Your perspective on our lives, we can rejoice in it and share it with our fellow believers.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the desire to seek You every day.

Peter seemed to do extra-ordinary things like walking on water in order to join Jesus. And because Peter was seeking Jesus all the time, others followed his example and sought Him too.

Lord, help us not to search for power and fame, but only to search for Jesus with all our heart.

Help us to understand the Scriptures and grow spiritually.

In Jesus Christ name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, please help us to be freed of sin.

Sin is our most persistent and determined enemy. Sin is very subtle. It creeps into our lives when and where we least expect it.

Lord, help us to free ourselves from sin's bondage by recognising it for what it is.

Sometimes we call it 'a mistake', a 'bad habit' or a 'weakness'.

But by Your grace, Lord, we can be freed from our sins.

Bless you Lord for blessing us all.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:

Fill me with life anew.

That I may love what Thou dost love,

And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Until my heart is pure,

Until with Thee I will one will,

To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Till I am wholly Thine,

Until this earthly part of me

Glows with Thy fire divine.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for all the opportunities that You give us every day.

The opportunity to show kindness to someone.

The opportunity to contribute to a good cause.

The opportunity to share our earthly goods with others.

The opportunity to say sorry to someone.

The opportunity to ask for forgiveness for our sins.

Lord, help us to show mercy on others the same way You do with us.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of faith in You.

Thank you that we can trust in You for all our needs.

Thank you that we can bring all our requests to You.

Lord, You assure us that we are never alone and that You will never leave us nor forsake us.

Help us not to try to sort our own problems out, but to take it to You in prayer.

We love You Lord, and we love to please You.

Your peace surpass all understanding.

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, help us not to be anxious for anything, but to take everything to You in prayer.

Paul said there is nothing that should cause a child of God to worry.

Even when the nation is occupied by a foreign army and the country is ruled by corrupt leaders.

Thank you that You know our innermost thoughts and intentions.

We know that You will not necessarily take our problems away, but You will help us carry the load. Nothing is impossible for You.

Scripture says that You want us to experience your peace in difficult situations, even if we don't understand it.

I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that You loved us first. You formed us in the womb for a specific task on earth.

Only after Paul was converted from a Christian persecutor to a Follower of You, did You reveal to him how You wanted him to serve You.

We know that You don't speak to us simply to increase our biblical knowledge, but You invite us to join You in Your work.

We are ready to hear from You, Lord. Please reveal to us what You want us to do.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the promises that You have made to us.

All the promises that You have made in Scripture, are available to us.

You promised that when we ask for something in Your Name, and it is in Your Will, You will give it to us.

Paul spoke of the exceeding and unsearchable riches of God's grace in Your kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

We want to walk with You Lord, and in time we trust that we shall see You bringing Your promises to fruition in our lives.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing us to love You and to have a relationship with You.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things.

We love to obey You, Lord, because You are worthy of it.

There is nothing like You.

Your love for us is unconditional.

You gave us Your Son, Jesus.

His Name is above all Names.

We know that You don't look at our Godly habits, our moral lifestyle, or our church involvement, but You gaze upon our hearts.

Lord, help us to be motivated by Your great love for us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching us to forgive others who have sinned against us.

Jesus took our sins on Him when He died on the Cross.

Lord, we know that if we withhold forgiveness from someone, then our worship and prayers are futile.

Please make us aware of the dark corners of our life where we are harbouring resentment.

Even when we are persecuted, we pray 'Father, forgive them'.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing us to follow You. We want to follow You anywhere, at any time and under any conditions.

Lord, we didn't invite you, but You invited us to become involved in Your activities.

We didn't choose You, but You chose us.

We want to weep with You over those trapped in sin, we want to feel the pain that You feel and see broken lives heal.

Just as Jesus had to suffer in order to bring salvation, there will be hardships we may have to endure in order for You to bring salvation to those around us.

Lord, help us not to be self-centred, but God-centred.

In the Name of Jesus we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we will lift up our eyes to the hills of Jerusalem - from where shall our help come?

Our help comes from You, oh Lord, who made heavens and earth.

You will not allow our feet to slip; You who keeps us will not slumber.

You who keeps Israel will neither slumber briefly nor sleep soundly.

You will guard our going out and coming in, and everything that you do.

From this time forth and forever.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for taking control of our life, because only You know what it can become.

When we are weak, You demonstrate your strength in our life.

And when we face humanly impossible situations, You do the impossible.

When we are at a loss of what to pray for someone, the Spirit guides us.

The Apostle John said that our assignment are to 'abide in the vine' and to allow You to do in and through us what only You can do.

Lord, our desire is for You to live out Your divine life through us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that Your timing is always perfect.

Lord, You know us, and You are fully aware of our circumstances.

You know what You have built into our lives until now, and You invite us, knowing that Your resources are plentiful for any assignment You give us.

God, You are concerned with our hearts. If we don't keep our heart in love with Jesus, our disobedience might effect others.

Help us to respond to You when You ask us to do something for You, although we don't know all the implications of what You are asking.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, praise You for the wonder of Your healing;

Praise You, Lord, for Your love so freely given.

Outpouring, anointing, flowing in to heal our wounds.

Praise You, Lord, for Your love for us.

Praise You, Lord, for Your gift of liberation.

You have set the captives free.

The chains that bind are broken by the sharpness of Your sword.

Praise You, Lord, for You gave Your Son's life for us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Contributed by Nick Dimeo

Dear Heavenly Father, praise You, for You have borne the depths of sorrow.

Praise You, Lord, for Your anguish on the tree.

The nails that tore Your body and the pain that tore Your soul.

Your tears, Lord, they fell for us.

You have turned our thorns to roses.

Glory, Lord, as they bloom upon Your brow.

The path of pain is hallowed, for Your love has made it sweet.

Praise You, Lord, and may we love You now.

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Contributed by Nick Dimeo

Dear Heavenly Father, cleanse us from our sins.

Put Thy power within us, Lord,

Take us as we are, Lord,

And make us all Thine own.

Keep us day by day, Lord,

Underneath Thy sway, Lord,

Make our hearts Thy palace and Thy royal throne.

In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.

Re-clothe us in our rightful mind.

Like those who heard the gracious calling of the Lord.

Let us, without a word rise up and follow thee.

The tender whisper of Thy call, as noiseless let Thy blessing fall as fell Thy manna down.

Take from our souls the strain and stress and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and Thy balm.

Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, o still small voice of calm!

In the Name of Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father, we adore You.

We lay our lives before You.

How we love You!

Jesus, we adore You.

We lay our lives before You.

How we love You!

Spirit, we adore You,

We lay our lives before You.

How we love You!

In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we place into Your hands the things that we cannot do.

Father, we place into Your hands the times that we've been through.

Father, we place into Your hands, the way that we should go, for we know we always can trust You.

Father, we place into Your hands my friends and family.

Father, we love to seek Your face, we love to hear Your voice.

Father, we want to be with You and do the things You do.

Father, I love the ones that You will draw to You, for I know that I am one with You.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for teaching us the Scriptures so that we can get our priorities right.

The disciples were often preoccupied with how to meet their physical needs.

Jesus stressed that their priority was to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, the necessities of daily life would be provided.

While the disciples were seeking earthly nourishment, Jesus was giving the woman at the well 'living water' that would satisfy her soul for eternity.

Lord, help us to realise that the Kngdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus Name we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We acknowledge that we are sinners and that we need Your forgiveness.

We believe that Your Son Jesus Christ died for our sins on the Cross.

Please take control of our lives and help us to turn from our sins and trust in Your grace and merciful love to guide us to Salvation.

We love You Lord and we thank You that we will spend all eternity with You.