

Praying



For
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City



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The following pages are outlines to guide you in praying for your city. This is not an exhaustive prayer guide. Effort has been made to keep it simple and easy to remember.

It is suggested that you pick one area of your city at a time; and perhaps only one or two points in that area. It can be overwhelming to embrace the whole city at one time.

Making Declarations

Declarations are an important part of praying. What does that mean? When we do not know the will of God, we should make a request from Him. Once God's will is known you simply declare what He has already said. This is found in the bible. This is the simplicity of praying His Word.

Outlines

This is a list of issues commonly faced in every city. Feel free to add scriptures and prayers that meet specific issues in your city.

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Updates

As you make discoveries from the bible that pertains to issues in your city, [email me](#) the scripture reference(s) and the particular problem(s) that can be used for future updates.

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Focus

- God's people turning to God

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV)

1. My people...those professing Him as Lord and Savior
 - a. The church (body of believers) in (*your city*)
2. Humble ourselves
 - a. Turn from exalting ourselves
 - b. Exalting our theology
 - c. Exalting our churches
 - d. Exalting our programs
 - e. Exalting our brand of religion
 - f. Exalting our brand of revival
3. Pray
 - a. Mature in petitioning, consecrating and interceding
 - b. Consistent, committed and diligent
4. Seek my face
 - a. Seek the face of God and not His hand
 - b. Be satisfied with being with God, not using Him
 - c. Seek for His direction, His plans, His purposes for us and our city
 - d. Seek His face, not His approval on our plans
5. Turn from our wicked ways
 - a. Godly sorrow bringing repentance
 1. Seeing how our sin hurts God
 2. Seeing how our sin hurts others
 - b. Unashamed repentance - returning to the altar, the cross
6. Expect God to hear
7. Expect God to heal our land (*city*)

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Focus

- Deliverance from Destruction

Background...

"And I will add fifteen years to your life, and I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.""

(2 Kings 20:6 NASB)

1. God will deliver you (King of Judah [Hezekiah]) from the hand of King of Assyria.
2. The King during the time of Hezekiah's reign was Sennacherib

Sennacherib = bramble of destruction

Assyria = prosperity, success

3. God will also deliver the city from "brambles of destruction"
 - a. brambles are entanglements of greed, rebel
4. God will defend this city

Offer thanksgiving for the protection of

- a. our city
- b. our children
- c. our families
- d. our jobs
- e. our health
- f. our possessions

*Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that **we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.** For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on the way, **because we had said to the king, "The hand of our God is favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but His power and His anger are against all those who forsake Him."** So we fasted and sought our God concerning this matter, and **He listened to our entreaty.***

(Ezra 8:21 - 23 NASB)

5. God gave Hezekiah a sign that deliverance of him and the city from destruction would take place.
 - a. God will confirm His word with signs and wonders following those who believe His word

Now Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What will be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?" (2 Kings 20:8 NASB)

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- Producing healthy children for the King's service (Daniel 1:1-21)

Characteristics of the four youths in Daniel

1. Ate a good diet of vegetables and not choice food from the King's table
2. No defect
3. Good-looking
4. Intelligence
5. Wisdom
6. Understanding
7. Discerning knowledge

Pray that

1. We feed our children what is naturally good for them and not just what looks tasty and fun because everyone else is doing it.
2. We feed our children what is spiritually sound and not what "appears" to be a good thing and not a God thing.
3. Making sure children are not neglected in physical and medical needs
4. Making sure children are not neglected in spiritual needs
5. Parents able to keep children clean, neat and not tattered.
6. Children not lusting after fads.
7. Our children are intelligent, have God's wisdom and are able to understand what they learn, both from God and school

When our children are fed properly and treated with care and love, children who know God will excel those who don't. They will not have a need for the psychic, cultic and satanic arena when cared for according to the Word of God.

"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then **compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.**" So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. **At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.** So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead. To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds. At the end of the time set by the king to bring them in, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. (Daniel 1:12-20NIV)

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Focus - City Government

- Committee and Agency members
- Council members
- Mayor and
- supporting committees (*of your city*)

"Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them, as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. (*Exo 18:21 NASB*)

Pray that those who lead, protect and make laws for our city would:

1. **Fear God**

- a. Have a reverence for God
- b. Worship God
- c. Respect God's word

2. **Men and Women of Truth**

- a. Honest in motives
- b. Honor Commitments

3. **Hate Dishonest Gain** (*Covetousness kjv*)

- a. Do not mis-use others to fulfill their agenda
- b. Do good only to gain position for themselves
- c. Covet someone else's position
- d. Standing in the way of others who may interfere with their position

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➤ Let Jesus Be Seen in the City

1. "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30 NASB)
 - a. When the Body of Christ allows Jesus to rise up in them, the city will see Jesus rise up.
2. Recognize that Jesus came with the plans and purposes of God (John 3:31 NASB)

"He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

- a. Those plans (along with Him) are above everything in the earth
 - b. We must yield to Him to know His plans
3. The church must hear what heaven is saying (John 3:32 NASB)

"What He has seen and heard, of that He bears witness; and no man receives His witness.

4. All who hear, receive (and do) what He says, certifies that God is (John 3:33-34 NASB)

³³ *"He who has received His witness has set his seal to [this,] that God is true. ³⁴ "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.*

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- The strength of God's promises

1. We give praise and shouts of joy for God is faithful and true to His Word! (Psalm 33:1-4 NASB)

¹ Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. ² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. ³ Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright; And all His work is [done] in faithfulness.

2. God's word is as good as done (Psalm 33:9-11 NASB)

For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. ¹⁰ The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

- a. NO ONE GETS IN HIS WAY!
- b. His plans last forever

3. Our nation, our city will be blessed because God is our Lord... (Psalm 33:12 NASB)

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

4. Only God can change the hearts of man (Psalm 33:15 NASB)

He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.

- a. He is the one who made them
- b. He understands them

5. Our city government will be one by those who fear, reverence, worship, and respect God. (Psalm 33:16-18 NASB)

¹⁶ The king is not saved by a mighty army; A warrior is not delivered by great strength. ¹⁷ A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength. ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His loving kindness,

- a. Not by our own efforts or strength
- b. Only by hoping in God's love can we win

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- God will use people already in the city

"And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, (Isaiah 58:12 NASB)

1. Those from among you. These can come from:
 - a. The city officials
 - b. The existing church
 - c. Souls yet to be saved
2. They will rebuild the ancient ruins
 - a. The foundation upon which this city was built
 - b. Upholding the dreams, prayers and works of saints gone before us.

This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may fight the good fight, (1 Tim 1:18 NASB)

3. You will raise up the age old foundations
 - a. Foundations that God set in place (like Ezra rebuilding the temple...according to the plan Moses received).
4. You will be called a repairer of the breach
 - a. Acknowledge there has been a breach
 - b. These people (including us) will be used to repair the breach (a supernatural work done through people).
5. The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.
 - a. Our streets will be restored for safe passage. Streets were made to allow travel and connection. People live along the route.

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- Demonic Influence (strongholds) over the city

We must pray for our city from our position of authority in Christ.

*And God raised us up with Christ and **seated us with him** in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, (Ephesians 2:6 NIV)*

The following are major strongholds in most cities. Stronghold = places for things treasured

1. Greed

- a. Poverty spirit - never having enough money, love, value

For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, And the greedy man curses and spurns the LORD. (Psalm 10:3 NASB)

- b. El Shaddai - Generous God, nourishing, more than enough, plenty

"Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? (Job 11:7 NIV)

2. Witchcraft

- a. Rebellion - wanting own way
 1. controlling spirit - manipulation
 2. sexual perversion - homosexuality
 3. lack of respect for authority or governmental order in families, churches, and city.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. (1 Sam 15:23 KJV)

- b. Obedience to God's word

But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. (Hebrews 5:14 NASB)

3. Lust of flesh, pride of life, pride of eyes

- a. Insatiable desire and craving for the things we receive and do within our own efforts, not needing God.

For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. (1 John 2:16 NIV)

- b. Learn and practice the will of God

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- Knowing the time that God will come to us

(Luke 19:41) And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it,

(Luke 19:42) saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

(Luke 19:43 NASB) "For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side,

(Luke 19:44 NASB) and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

(1 Pet 2:12 NASB) Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

We pray

1. That our enemies will not build a fortress around us and hem us in on every side
2. That we are not leveled to the ground
3. That our children are not leveled to the ground
4. That we recognize when God comes.
5. We will keep our behavior excellent among the heathen
6. The heathen will recognize and glorify God when he comes because of the good they see in us.

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