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MIRACULOUS STORIES OF THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

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WHEN YOU

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Prayer

Worship

God of all times and all places: you invite us to worship you through the beauty of the world around us, and in every experience of joy and love you give us. Open our hearts now to praise you for all these gifts. Fill our hearts to overflowing with gratitude, so that rivers of love pour out from us to everyone we meet. Bless our worship in spirit and in truth, and help us to hear your voice speaking to us today and every day. Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see Isaiah 6:1-10 and Psalm 118.)

Thanksgiving

Lord God, I give you thanks for all the blessings of this life: for the goodness that you reveal every day in the world around me, for your mercy to all those in need, and for your constant love that sustains the universe. Thank you for working all things together for my good. Most of all I thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus, whom you gave to redeem the world. Thank you for the hope of our heavenly calling, where we will one day live with you in joy past all telling. Amen.

> (For scriptural inspiration, see 1 Timothy 4:4-5, Colossians 3:15, Romans 8:28, and Colossians 4:2.)

Lamenting

Lord Jesus, in your earthly life you knew what it was like to feel sorrow for those you loved, and you grieved for all who suffered. Help me now to understand my own grief and to know that you sit here with me, blessing my grief even as you have blessed my joys. Knowing that there is no comfort that the world can offer, I surrender to your loving arms. I trust that one day my own heartbreak will end in resurrection joy. And I ask that you hold me close until that day, in your infinite mercy and love that brings life to all things and a dawn to every dark night. Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see John 11:33-37.)

Deace

Lord God, you said to your apostles that the peace you would give them was not the peace of the world. But my heart aches for this world, as I know your own heart ached when you walked the earth. You see the brokenness of this world, and you grieve for all the victims of war, violence, and oppression, wherever they may be. Soften the hearts of all those who make war in the world, so that the peace of this earth may be a reflection of the peace of your heavenly kingdom. Make me an instrument of that peace, in my own family, in my work, and in my church. May your Holy Spirit wrap this earth in the mantle of your peace, that all may know and worship the Prince of peace. Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see Isaiah 11:6-9 and John 14:27.)

Family Togetherness

Lord God, from the beginning you created us to live together in families. By loving others, we come to understand your love more fully. Knit our family together in your grace, that we may bear one another's burdens, grieve one another's sorrows, and celebrate one another's joys. Above all else, fill us with compassion for one another, so that when we fail one another, we may remember your forgiveness and mercy toward each of us. May our family be a reflection of you that we may always be a shelter to those in need, a refuge for the brokenhearted, and a haven of peace to everyone we know. Bring our family at last to Heaven, where we may rejoice with you and with all the families of the earth, united in your worship and praise, forever and ever, Amen,

(For scriptural inspiration, see Psalm 127.)

Healing

Lord God, in your hand are all times and all seasons. You hold our souls in troubled times, and you comfort us in sickness. If it be your will, grant strength and health to my body as Jesus healed the sick who came to him. Grant me the wholeness of soul that will draw me closer to you, because there is no true health apart from your presence, and your love brings perfect strength. In all the workings of your will, may the Holy Spirit grant peace to my soul, come what may. Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see Isaiah 38:1-6 and Mark 10:46-52.)

Contrition

Lord Jesus, you forgave the woman weeping at your feet, and you called sinners to repentance and a new life. Like them, I have failed your love for me. I do love you, Lord, and I pray for the chance to show you my love. Even as I weep before you, I know that you have already put away all my sins, and like the father of the prodigal son, you embrace me and lift me up, holding me close. Forgive me, Lord God. Grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may not sin again. Thank you for the chance to serve you. May I never forget your mercy. May I show that same mercy to all those who have wronged or hurt me in any way. Amen.

> (For scriptural inspiration, see 2 Samuel 12:1–13, Psalm 51, Matthew 6:12, and Luke 15:11-32.)

Meditation

Lord God and Father of all, help me to hear from you. Teach me to be still and know that you are God. Calm my mind so that I can hear you speaking to me. Quiet the rush of my thoughts and lead home the wanderings of my heart, that my soul may be steadfast and focused on you. Empty me, that I may be filled only with you. Make in me a home for your blessed son, Jesus. Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see Hebrews 1:1-2)

Adoration

Lord God, you are amazing and awesome. The planets in deepest space spin at your command, and your power upholds the fire of every star. But you are the same God who cares for each of your children here on Earth and who came to share this human life with us. Grant me the grace to love you more and more with every passing day, in mind, heart, and soul, until my body's last breath and beyond, if it be your will. May all your holy angels give you praise and worship, and may I join my voice to theirs in this life and the next. Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see Hebrews 1:3.)

Dedication for a Higher Purpose

Lord God, bless and consecrate me as I set out on this new road. Thank you for calling me to this holy purpose and this new state of life and for granting me the grace to hear your voice. May I be dedicated to the working of your will above all else, and may I have the courage and strength to serve you as the prophets did. Fill me, I pray, with your Holy Spirit now, that all fear may be banished and that I may be inspired in this calling by the fire of your love. May I always walk in your ways and bring glory to your holy name, from this day forth and forever. Amen.

> (For scriptural inspiration, see Exodus 3:1–17, Exodus 15:20–21, 1 Samuel 3, and Jeremiah 1:4–10.)

Guidance

Lord God, you promised light to all those who seek your name and your truth. Send your light upon me now, because I cannot see the way. Be a lamp to my feet to light my path. While I am uncertain of my path, I trust in you. I know that you will never leave me nor forsake me. Drive away all fear and anxiety from my heart, and lead me step by step on the road that you would have me travel. Give me the courage to walk that road and the knowledge that Jesus walks beside me, no matter what awaits. Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see Deuteronomy 31:8, Psalm 119:105, and John 8:12.)

Pilgrimage

God of the journey, again and again in your holy word you called your people of faith to set forth on a road to greater understanding and deeper belief. You guided the footsteps of Naomi and Ruth as they sought a refuge in your holy land, and after your resurrection you walked with the disciples on the way to Emmaus. Reveal yourself now to me as you did to them, that I may make a pilgrimage to places which reignite my hunger for you, Lord. And cover me with your supernatural favor as I return home, safe and secure in your love. Amen.

> (For scriptural inspiration, see Genesis 12:1–5, Ruth 1:7–22, and Luke 24:13–35.)

Children

Lord, guard my children's hearts and minds, so their actions never come from pride, anger, or bitterness. Help them reach out to you through prayer when they are tempted by the desire to do things out of selfish ambitions. With your love guiding my hand, I will teach them to imitate you, Lord. I pray you help them to walk in a spirit of kindness and gratitude. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(For scriptural inspiration, see Ephesians 4:31–32, Philippians 2:3–4.)

Intercession

Lord Jesus, on the night before you died you prayed to the Father for your disciples, asking that they would be strengthened and comforted in your absence. Hear my prayer now for all the ones I love. I pray especially for [prayer recipient's name] that your gracious will may be done and that your love and mercy be poured out upon [prayer recipient's name] richly. And, Holy Spirit, at times when I also have needed an intercessor, thank you for interceding for me with groanings too deep for words. In the power of your name I pray, Amen.

> (For scriptural inspiration, see 1 Kings 17:17–24, John 17, Romans 8:26, and Acts 9:36–43.)



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