Introduction

Fervent prayer exists as the channel for life changing worship and preaching. As we seek God in prayer, we receive the power, the insight, and the preparation essential to these things. Worship and preaching bring us into a personal encounter with God. If we do not daily seek Him and encounter Him in our private times of prayer, we certainly will not encounter Him on Sunday with God’s people.

Too many times, we do not pray about our worship services and the preaching of the Word. We take for granted that God will bless these simply because we gather to worship Him. What a costly mistake! Our worship services often lack life and power because we have neglected to cover them in prayer. Our preaching seems to fall on deaf ears and hardened hearts because of the failure to ask for God’s power and anointing on them.

Churches can experience life transforming preaching and worship. If we desire powerful worship in our churches, we must cry out to God for this. If we long to see the preaching of the Word transform lives, we must seek God for His blessing on this. Jesus says, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). If we will pray, God will hear and move in powerful and unique ways. Our almighty God longs to manifest His power and change lives as we worship Him.

The goal of this manual is to help you pray for life transforming worship and preaching. You can implement this material in two ways:
(1) *You can use it for prayer during a worship service.* Many churches have believers or teams that pray during the worship service. The variety of prayer pointers and guides will offer help to those praying during a worship service. The materials will enable a believer or team to pray the Word with confidence and expectation during a worship service.

(2) *You can use it to pray during the week in preparation for the worship services.* You can utilize this material by praying during the week for the pastor, the worship leader, and the congregation. It can help a believer or a team to saturate the worship services in prayer. Can you imagine the difference it will make if believers prayed throughout the week for the worship services? We will see God move in amazing ways as we prepare for worship with prayer.

**How To Use This Prayer Manual**

This prayer manual will provide you with a variety of prayer guides and pointers to help you pray. This variety offered encourages you to pray faithfully and to help you keep from getting stale and dull in your praying. To make the most of this manual, you might keep the following in mind.

⇒ *Yield yourself to the Holy Spirit’s guidance.* Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pray for the pastor, the worship leader, and the
services. Call on Him to direct you as you seek Him about these things. Plead with Him to help you know which prayer guides that you need to use and what you need to focus on in your prayers.

⇒ **Pay attention to the condition and circumstances in your church.** This will help you to know the direction of your praying. The Spirit can use these things to guide your intercession.

⇒ **Focus on a different area each day.** You might consider using different prayer guides for each day of the week. By doing this, you can pray about a variety of issues before the worship services.

⇒ **Have a prayer partner.** You might consider having a prayer partner or a prayer team. By doing this, you can pray in agreement and will have the opportunity to share any insights that the Spirit might grant to your partner or team.

⇒ **Prepare yourself to pray.** In order to pray with power, you must prepare yourself. Adore God for His character, confess your sins, and give Him thanks.
Chapter 1

Praying For Your Pastor’s Preaching

In order to help you pray fervently and faithfully for your pastor’s preaching, you can use the following Scripture prayers. Praying the Scripture provides you with a powerful way to pray. God has revealed His will in the Word. When you pray God’s Word, you pray His will. As you do this, you can expect God to answer in powerful and unique ways (1 John 5:14-15).

Father, I ask You to teach _______ the truth of Your Word. Through the Spirit, grant _______ the insight that _______ needs to share with this church. Holy Spirit, teach _______ that _______ might teach others. Grant _______ a hearing ear and an open heart (John 14:26).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that ______ will preach the Word in season and out of season. I pray that ______ will use the Word to convince, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and teaching (2 Timothy 4:1-3).
Father, prepare ________ to preach. I pray that ________ will give attention to reading the Word, to exhortation with the Word, and the doctrines of the Word (1 Timothy 4:13).

Father, I ask that You will enable ________ to give himself to the study and proclamation of the Word. Create within my pastor the passionate desire to prepare and preach in all seasons. Deliver ________ from spiritual laziness (1 Timothy 4:15).

Father, empower ________ to take heed to his doctrine and to himself. Enable ________ to continue in them that he can deliver both his hearers and himself from false doctrine and sin (1 Timothy 4:16).

Father, cleanse ________ of any sin that will hinder his preaching. Help him to root out of his life any sin that will prevent him from preaching with power (1 John 1:9).
Father, fill ________ with Your Holy Spirit. I ask that the Spirit of God will control his mind and his speech. I pray that the Holy Spirit’s power will flow through ________’s preaching (Ephesians 5:18).

Holy Spirit, I ask You to rest upon ________. I plead that You will release Your power into his life as he speaks. As he speaks, grant ________ wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. I ask for this in the name of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 11:2).
Father, I plead that You will prepare the hearts of those that _______ speaks to. Give them ears to hear and hearts to receive. Enable ________ to speak the words that will produce spiritual fruit in their lives (Matthew 13:23).

Father, Your Word says that a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. I pray that ________ will speak timely words, fitting for peoples’ spiritual needs at the time they need them. I ask for this in the name of Jesus Christ (Proverbs 25:11).

I ask You to give utterance to ________ that he may open his mouth boldly to make known the gospel of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 6:19).

Father, I plead that ________ will speak with reliance on the Lord. I pray that the Holy Spirit will bear witness to Your Word through him. Reveal to people the truthfulness of Your Word (Acts 14:3).

Father, I pray that ________’s message will not rely on persuasive words of human wisdom, but will trust in the Spirit and His power to change lives. I ask that the congregation’s faith will not stand on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. I ask for this in the name of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

In the name of Jesus, I plead that You will empower ________ to teach the Word of God with authority and compassion as Jesus did (Matthew 7:28-29).
Father, I plead that _______ will preach the Word of God plainly, making it clear and giving the meaning of it that the people can understand it. I ask that _______ will preach in such a way that people will understand and will experience change through the truth (Nehemiah 8:7).

Father, I pray that _______ will commit himself to understanding the Word and applying its truth to his life. I plead that _______ will know, preach, and obey the Word of God (Ezra 7:10).

Father, I pray that _______ will rightly divide the Word. Empower _______ to handle the Word correctly. Transform _______ into a workman approved by God for preaching and teaching of the Word (2 Timothy 2:15).

Father, enable _______ to hold firmly to the Word of God. I ask that _______ will encourage others by sound doctrine and will refute those who oppose the truth (Titus 1:9).

Father, deliver _______ from discouragement about his preaching and teaching. Grant _______ Your strength and Your courage to continue. I pray that _______ will not grow weary in preaching the Word but will continue faithfully, knowing that he will reap in due season (Galatians 6:9).
Father, create within this congregation a hunger for You and Your Word. Set this congregation free from a careless or unconcerned attitude about the Word of God (Psalm 42:1-2).

Open _______’s eyes, Lord, that he may understand and proclaim the wonderful truths of God’s Word (Psalm 119:18).

Father, I plead that the congregation will combine hearing the Word with faith in the Word. I ask that we will hear and do the Word of God (Hebrews 4:2).

Father, I pray that the congregation will hasten and not delay to hear and obey Your commands (Psalm 119:60).

Father, I ask that the congregation will treasure and value the Word more than pure gold. I pray that Your Word will taste sweeter to this congregation than honey from the comb (Psalm 19:10).

Father, as _______ preaches, I plead that the Word will cut through our excuses and hardness of heart like a sharp, two-edged sword. I ask that it will penetrate the hearts, minds, and lives of people, bringing about true change (Hebrews 4:12).
Other Scripture Prayers And Insights
Chapter 2

Praying For Your Worship Leader

Your worship leader stands as an essential and valuable part of your leadership. You may have a minister of music. You may have a praise team that leads worship in your church. However your church worships, the body needs to pray for those who lead in worship.

When we worship, we encounter God. This encounter with God will affect the health and growth of the church. The life and ministry of your worship leader will have a significant impact on the quality of your worship - this encounter with God. For this reason, the worship leader needs consistent intercession. The church must pray fervently for those who lead in worship.

You can use the following guide to pray for your worship leader. The truths of Word of God provide the foundation for this guide. Because of this, you can plead these truths with confidence and expectation. You can use these or develop your own from them. Plead the truths of the Word in behalf of your worship leaders with faith and expectation.
Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that ______ will have an intimate, growing relationship with You. Cause ______ to hunger for You and Your Word (Psalm 42:1-2).

Father, I ask that ______ will love Your Word. I plead that ______ will hear and obey Your Word. Grant ______ an intimate knowledge of Your Word (Psalm 119:97).

Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that ______ will walk in the Spirit. I ask that the Spirit will control his/her lifestyle. I plead that ______ will depend on the Holy Spirit for his/her life and ministry (Ephesians 5:18).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You will deepen and increase ______’s faith. Grant ______ the faith that can trust You and receive from You (Matthew 21:22).

Father, I ask that You will grant emotional healing in ______’s life. Heal him/her of the past wounds that will hinder his/her ministry (Psalm 147:3).

Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that _____ will daily confess and repent of sin. I plead that ______ will hate sin and will not compromise with it (1 John 1:9).

Father, I ask in Jesus’ name that ______ will have a servant’s heart (Matthew 20:28).
Father, I plead that _____ will have a faithful, powerful witness of Jesus Christ. Grant _____ boldness in his/her personal witness (Acts 1:7).

Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that You will strengthen and bless ________’s family. Let Your peace and protection rest on this family each day (Philippians 4:7).

Father, I ask that ________ will have a healthy, productive relationship with the pastor and other leadership in the church. Enable him/her to work well together (Psalm 133:1).

Father, I plead in Jesus’ name that You will protect ________ from all the schemes of the enemy. I pray that every weapon of the evil one formed against ________ will fail. Deliver ________ from all the traps and attacks of the enemy (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that ______ will earnestly devote himself/herself to prayer. I ask that ______ will have great power in prayer (Colossians 4:2).

Father, I ask in Jesus’ name that You will grant ______ a hearing ear. Empower ______ to listen to You and to follow Your leadership (Psalm 46:10).
Father, I plead in Jesus’ name that You will grant ________ wisdom and insight in planning the worship services. Reveal to ________ how You will have him/her to lead this church in worship (Proverbs 2:6).

Father, I ask You to give this church a heart for worship. I plead that this body will seek to worship You in spirit and in truth. Give this body a willingness to follow ________’s leadership in worship (John 4:24).

Father, I plead that this body will diligently to worship You. Enable us to sing praise to You. Fill ________ with the power and wisdom to guide us in this (Psalm 149:1).

Father, I pray that You will enable ________ to lead this body of believers into the worship that glorifies You and pleases You (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Father, I ask in Jesus’ name that You will strengthen and bless ________’s voice. Grant his/her voice power and healing that he/she might sing Your praises (Exodus 15:26).

Father, I plead in Jesus’ name that You might grant a loving and harmonious relationship between the choir(s) and _________. I ask that they will respect and cherish _________. I pray that ________’s ministry in this church will delight and satisfy ________’s heart (Hebrews 13:17).
Father, transform _____ into a leader after Your own heart. Cause  
_______ to lead in such a way that people can trust and follow him/her (Psalm 78:72).

Father, I plead that the believers of this body will prepare themselves to 
worship. Each time we gather, I pray that we will have prepared 
ourselves to seek and encounter You. I ask You also to prepare  
_______’s heart and life for worship. When _____ leads this body in 
worship, I pray that _____ will follow the Spirit’s leading (Hebrews 

Father, I pray that You will provide _____ everything that he/she 
needs to guide this body in worshipping You. Stir this church to supply 
whatever _________ needs to truly honor and magnify Your name in 
our worship (Philippians 4:19).

Other Scripture Prayers And Insights
Chapter 3

Praying For The Worship Of Your Church

The believers of your church need to develop a lifestyle of worship in their personal lives. If they do not worship God Monday through Saturday, they cannot worship God on Sunday. You can use these prayers by placing the name of Your church in the blank and then pleading these Scriptures before God.

I plead that the believers _________ Church will praise You with uprightness of heart when they learn about You from Your Word (Psalm 119:7).

I pray that the believers of _________ Church will worship You, the living and the true God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

O Lord my God, I ask that the believers of _________ Church will praise You with all their heart and that they will glorify Your name forevermore (Psalm 86:12).
Father, I pray that the believers of __________ Church will bless You. I plead that they will bless You with all their being. Do not let them forget Your benefits that You grant to them on a daily basis (Psalm 103:1-2).

Father, I plead that the believers of __________ Church will develop a lifestyle of praise. It is good to sing praises to You, our mighty God. It is pleasant and it is beautiful. Create in them a desire to praise You daily (Psalm 147:1-2).

I plead that the believers of __________ Church will speak of the might of Your awesome acts and that they will declare Your greatness. I ask that the believers of __________ Church will utter the memory of Your great goodness and that they will sing of Your righteousness (Psalm 145:6-7).

I pray that the believers of ____________ Church will bless You every day and that they will praise Your name forever and ever (Psalm 145:1-2).

Because Your lovingkindness far exceeds anything in this life, I pray that the believers’ lips will praise You. As long as they live, I ask that the believers of ____________ Church will bless You and praise You (Psalm 63:4-5).
Father, it is good to give thanks to You and to sing praises to Your name. It is good to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night. For this reason, I plead that the believers of _________ Church will give thanks to You and sing praises to Your name. Cause them to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night (Psalm 92:1-2).

I pray that the believers of _________ Church will praise You with their whole heart. As people worship and pursue all kinds of gods, I ask that the believers of _________ Church will sing praise to You the living and the true God (Psalm 138:1).

I ask that the believers of _________ Church will praise You, O Lord because of Your infinite goodness; I plead that they will sing praises to You for it is pleasant to do this (Psalm 135:3).

I plead that the believers of _________ Church will not draw near to You only with their mouths. I ask that the believers of _________ Church will not simply go through the motions of worship. Never let us accept and rest in the outward appearance of worship. I pray that we will worship You from the heart and that we will have worship services acceptable and pleasing to You (Matthew 15:8).

I pray that the believers of _________ Church will give unto You, the LORD, the glory due to Your name. I ask that they will worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Psalm 29:2).
I plead that the believers of _________ Church will worship You in the beauty of holiness. I pray that they will tremble before You (Psalm 96:9).

I pray that the believers of _________ Church will not forsake the assembling of believers but will diligently attend and participate in the worship of believers (Hebrews 10:25).

Other Scripture Prayers And Insights
Chapter 4

Prayers For Your Worship Services
Prayer prepares your congregation and you for your worship services. The following prayer guide can assist you in getting your church and you ready for your times of worship.

Father, I pray that our worship time will glorify You. Enable the believers of __________ Church to focus on You during the worship service. Draw the attention of believers to You during this time. Remove any distractions that might hinder us from focusing on You (Psalm 115:1).

Father, I plead that You will remove any hindrances from the lives of believers that could prevent us from worshipping You. Enable us to remove anything from our lives that will prevent us from worshiping you in spirit and truth (1 John 1:9).

Father, I pray that people will prepare their hearts to hear from You both in the music and the preaching of the Word. Create within the people anticipation and expectation that they will hear from You—that You will deal with them (Matthew 13:3-9).

Father, I pray that the ______ will yield to and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit both as __________ prepares and speaks, resulting in the Holy Spirit speaking to people during the message. Prepare ______’s heart to preach through the week. Enable ______ to yield to and follow the Spirit in his preparation and preaching (Ephesians 5:18; Acts 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:15).
Father, I pray that You will use the musicians to minister and bless the congregation. I also ask that they will show forth the joy of the Lord (Psalm 149:1).

I plead that You will give wisdom and guidance for those choosing the music, that each song will deepen the worship experience of the believers and will prepare the believers and the lost for the message (Psalm 150:3-5).

Father, I plead that You will transform lives through the worship service. O God, I pray for

✓ Salvation of sinners: John 3:16; 4:12
✓ Encouragement and maturing of believers: Hebrews 10:25
✓ Repentance of backsliders: Hosea 14:4
✓ Healing of diseased bodies: Exodus 15:26
✓ Mending of broken hearts: Psalm 147:3.

Father, I ask for these things in the name of Jesus and for the glory of Jesus.

Father, I ask that believers of ____________ Church will truly worship God in spirit and in truth. I pray that the people will hear and understand the truth of God’s Word. I ask You to enable them to respond to You with deep and genuine repentance and commitment (John 4:24).
Father, I pray that all who attend _________ Church will feel the love of God in God’s people and sense a spirit of peace and unity. I plead that they will know their importance to this body of Christ (*John 13:34-35; Philippians 2:1-5*).

Father, I ask that visitors will feel welcomed, will experience ministry, and will desire Your salvation. I pray that they will desire to serve Jesus as a member of this church. For the Christians visiting this church, I ask that they will join this church and serve Jesus Christ through the ministry of this church (*Acts 2:42*).

Father, I pray that the power of God will be revealed and felt by each person in every worship service (*Psalm 22:3*).

Send Your power into the midst of Your people as we worship. I plead that the Holy Spirit will manifest His presence and power among the worshipers. I ask You to release Your power in every worship services (*Psalm 22:3*).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that the worshipers will glorify You in our worship services. I plead that we will proclaim and exalt Your name and Your fame in our times of worship (*1 Corinthians 10:31*).

Other Scripture Prayers And Insights
Chapter 5

Preparing For Worship

The following prayer guide can help you prepare yourself for worship. You can also use it to pray for the preparation of your church for the worship services.

Monday

*Pray today that God will cultivate in the members a receptive heart for the pastor’s sermon. Pray that He will work through the circumstances of their lives that the pastor’s sermon speaks directly to all the members.*
“Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things from Your law” (Psalm 119:18).

“The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul” (Acts 16:14).

**Tuesday**

_Plead today that the Holy Spirit will work through the week to help each member confront anything that will hinder the worship services. Ask that His convicting power will lead believers to repent of anything that might grieve the Holy Spirit in the worship services._

“When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil” (Isaiah 1:15-16).

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear” (Psalm 66:18).

**Wednesday**

_Pray that God will give the members of your church a heart to encourage and minister to their brothers and sisters in Christ._
“That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another” (1 Corinthians 12:25).

“Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19).

**Thursday**

*Call on the Lord to create a hunger in the members of your church for the true worship of God.*

“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for the living God” (Psalm 42:1–2).

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him” (John 4:23).

**Friday**

*Plead that the Holy Spirit will move in unique and powerful ways among the people during the worship services.*
“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:2).

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD” (Luke 4:18-19).

**Saturday**

*Pray for a submissive spirit during the worship service. Plead that the members of your church will hear and obey the Word of God.*

“You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you” (Deuteronomy 6:17)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

**Sunday**
Plead for the filling of the Holy Spirit in all the members of your church. Ask that the joy of the Lord will fill you and overflow to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18).

“But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy” (Galatians 5:22).

Other Scripture Prayers And Insights
Chapter 6

Responding To God

Worship means encountering the true and living God. When we encounter God in worship, we must respond with our whole being to Him. God will accept nothing less than this. The following prayer guide will help you to pray for the proper response to this time of encounter with God.

GLORIFY

“Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him” (Psalm 147:1).

- Pray the worshipers will glorify God.
- Ask that they will sing for God’s honor.
- Plead that they will focus on God during the worship service.
CONFESS
“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

- Ask that the worshipers will receive the conviction of the Spirit.
- Pray that they will confess and repent of their sin.
- Plead that God will remove guilt from those who confess and guilt.

UNDERSTAND
“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says” (James 1:22).

- Pray that the worshipers will accept and understand the truth of the Word.
- Ask that the worshipers will see how the truth applies to them.

COMMIT
“Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you” (Deuteronomy 6:17).

- Pray that the worshipers will commit themselves to living out the truth of the Word.
- Ask God to remind them of the truth throughout the week.
Other Scripture Prayers And Insights

Chapter 7
The Heart Prayers

The condition of a person’s heart will determine how that person worships and the effectiveness of the Word in his or her life. Jesus teaches in Matthew 13 the necessity of heart preparation for hearing and obeying God. For this reason, we pray for the heart preparation of the individuals who come into the worship services. You can use this prayer guide during the week or during the worship times to pray for the heart preparation of people.

The Calloused Hearer

“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received the seed by the wayside” (Matthew 13:19).

Father, I plead that You will soften and open the hearts of people to worship You and to hear Your Word. O God, break through the hardness of heart in peoples’ lives! I pray that they will hear and understand the Word of God. I ask that they will receive it and experience transformation through it. Grant them the ears to hear and the hearts to receive. Change their lives through the worship and receiving the Word of God. Amen.
The Casual Hearer

“But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles” (Matthew 13:20-21).

Father, I ask that each person will seriously and diligently listen in the worship services. I pray that they will not casually hear the Word. I plead that they will not carelessly respond to the worship and the Word. Cause them, O God, to hear and to consider. O God, stir them to hear, believe, and commit themselves totally to You and Your Word. Deliver them from a shallow commitment that will not stand. Amen.

The Compromised Heart

“The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22).

Father, I plead that every person who enters our worship services will hear and obey Your Word. I ask that they will not try to cling to the world and the Word. O God, prepare their hearts that they might receive and act on Your Word. Remove the worries and desires from their hearts that might choke the Word out. I pray that they will commit themselves to Your Word and that they will not compromise the truth for the things of this world. Amen.
The Committed Heart

“But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty, and thirty times what was sown” (Matthew 13:23).

Father, I ask that every person that enters our worship services will hear and respond to Your Word. I plead that they will understand it and that they will commit themselves fully to it. Transform them into hearers and doers of the Word. Bring forth spiritual fruit from their lives as they hear and respond to the Word of God. I pray for this every time they worship. Amen.

Other Scripture Prayers And Insights
Chapter 8

Healing Prayers

There’s a broken heart on every pew. Through the years of ministry, I understand the truthfulness and power of that statement. Each Sunday people will come to worship services with lives ravaged by emotional pain. At the same time, there’s a diseased body on every pew. Our churches have people who have physical problems. They hurt and need God’s healing power.

The following prayer guides will help you pray for healing in people as they worship. It often pleases God to heal and transform people as they worship and hear the Word of God. God can and does reveal His healing power during worship services. He does this to glorify His name, testify to Jesus, and show mercy to the hurting. These guides will help you to pray for physical and emotional healing.

Physical Healing

Father, You created these worshipers. You formed them. You knit their inward parts in the womb. You alone know how to heal their bodies. As their Creator, I pray that You will grant healing to them. Let
Your power envelop them and unleash the needed healing into their bodies (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 139).

You have revealed Yourself as the God of healing. Your name declares that Your willingness and ability to heal. Your nature moves You to heal. I plead with You act according to Your name and Your nature. I ask You to release healing into the lives of the worshipers. Reveal Yourself as the God of healing by touching and transforming them (Exodus 15:26).

I praise You, O God, for Your revelation of Your healing power. God, You heal and make whole. Your merciful heart longs to transform the hurting. I plead in the name of Jesus that You will heal and make these worshipers whole (Exodus 15:26).

Father, Your Word says that You heal all our diseases. I plead in the name of Jesus that You will heal the worshipers of their sicknesses and illnesses. Drive these things completely out of their bodies (Psalm 103:1-4).

Father, I plead that You will heal the worshipers because of Jesus’ work on the cross. By His death and the merits of His blood, I pray that You will grant healing to them (Isaiah 53:4-5).
Lord Jesus, You said “according to your faith, let it be to you.” I pray that You will grant the worshipers the faith to believe Your Word for their healing (Matthew 9:29).

Lord Jesus, like the woman in the crowd who touched the hem of Your garment and experienced Your healing, I pray that the worshipers will reach out to You. Your healing virtue is available to those who reach out to You. I ask that they will experience this healing power when they reach out to You (Mark 5:24-34).

Father, when doubt or unbelief starts to fill the worshipers’ minds and hearts concerning healing, I pray that they will focus on the words of Jesus, “Do not fear, only believe” (Mark 5:36).

Lord Jesus, God has exalted You as Lord over all. This includes all sickness and disease. In the Your name and through Your power, I pray that You will remove the sicknesses and illnesses from the lives of the worshipers (Philippians 2:9-11).

Father, in Jesus’ name and because of His blood, I plead that You will bind any evil spirits involved in the worshipers’ lives. Bind the spirit of fear that says they will only get worse (Matthew 16:19).

Father, I plead that You will remove any obstacle in the lives of the worshipers that will prevent them from receiving healing (James 5:16).
Father, I pray that You will pour out Your mercy and grace on the worshipers during this time of sickness. Let Your power sustain them until healing comes to their lives (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Father, in the midst of the pain with no outward improvements, I pray that they will faithfully trust in You, will not waver in unbelief, but will always abound in love and obedience for You. I plead that they will keep their eyes fixed on You, their Healer and Sustainer (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Father, You have abundant mercy and compassion for those who suffer. The worshipers who come have pain and they need Your healing. Because of Your unfailing mercy and compassion, I plead that You will release Your healing power in the worshipers’ lives. I ask that You will heal them as a concrete expression of Your mercy and compassion (2 Corinthians 1:3; Lamentations 3:22–23).

Father, the Lord Jesus Christ has taught me to ask, seek, and knock. I ask You to grant healing to the worshipers. I seek You for the release of Your power into their lives. I am knocking for the blessing of physical and spiritual wholeness in their lives (Matthew 7:7).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus for You to heal them that You might receive all the glory. Grant healing to them that people might praise You and honor You for Your love, compassion, and power (John 11:4; Acts 4:21).
Just as the people who brought the blind man of Bethsaida, I bring each of these worshipers to You. I lift them up to You in prayer. I beg You to touch them. I plead with You to grant healing in their lives (Mark 8:22–25).

Father, I believe in Your willingness to heal. I believe that You have the power to heal. Because of this, I pray that You will heal the worshipers. In faith, I plead for the release of Your healing power in their lives (Matthew 9:2, 15:28).

O Lord my God, I plead that these worshipers will cry out to You and that You will heal them in response to their cries to You (Psalm 30:2).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You will send Your Word and heal these worshipers. Deliver them from their sicknesses and illnesses (Psalm 107:20).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that You will strengthen them during this time of illness. I plead with You to sustain them. I pray that You will grant Your healing in Your time and way in their lives (Psalm 41:3). Father, I pray that You will heal the worshipers of anything that plagues their bodies that they can declare Your mighty works to others (Psalm 118:17).
Father, You hold the power to take sickness away from these worshipers. I plead in the name of Jesus that You will remove their diseases from their lives (Exodus 23:25).

Father, I pray that they will not trust in their own wisdom and that they will shun and avoid evil. Let this bring health to their bodies and nourishment to their bones (Proverbs 3:7-8).

Father, You give power to the faint and You give strength to those who have no strength. Father, these worshipers have no strength and they faint because of their illnesses. I plead that You will grant power and strength to them (Isaiah 40:29).

Father, You have bought with the worshipers’ bodies with a price, the precious blood of Jesus. Their bodies belong to You. This disease/trauma trespasses on Your property. I plead in the name of Jesus for You to evict this disease or trauma from their bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

**Emotional Healing**

Father, You long to heal the brokenhearted. You declare that You will bind up their wounds. Because it is Your nature to heal, I ask You to
heal them of all their emotional wounds. By Your love and power, remove the hurt and anger that fills their hearts. Help them move on to emotional wholeness (Psalm 147:3).

Father, I ask that the worshipers will trust in You their Healer. Build their faith to depend on You as their Healer. Reveal to them the richness of Your mercy and grace. Convict them of Your willingness and ability to heal them (Psalm 103:8, 11).

Father, You have created each of these worshipers. You have made their emotions. They now come to worship with wounded emotions - emotions torn apart by sin. Their emotional wounds have led to the cultivation of other sinful, negative emotions in their lives. I plead for You to release Your power into their lives. Remove the sinful, negative emotions that resulted from their emotional wounds. Unleash emotional health and wholeness into their lives (Genesis 1:27).

Father, these worshipers have experienced deep emotional wounds. However, I ask You to deliver them out of all of these. Heal them and cause them to grow from these experiences (Psalm 34:19).

Father, You promise Your manifest presence to the brokenhearted. I pray that You will grant these worshipers a deeper experience of Your presence. Surround them with Your love. Cause them to know that You love them without reservation (Psalm 34:18).
Father, You sent Jesus to heal the brokenhearted. You sent Him to set the captives free. I plead in the name of Jesus that these worshipers will receive complete emotional healing. In the name of Jesus, I pray that You will set them free from every past hurt that binds them. Through Your Son Jesus, heal each one and grant them freedom from the consequences of their past hurts (Luke 4:18-19).

Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that You will bind Satan and his demons from these worshipers. In the name of Jesus, I plead that they will no longer harass or oppress them through their emotional wounds. Deliver them from the attacks of the enemy through past emotional wounds. Heal them and cut off every avenue of the enemy in their lives (1 Peter 5:8).

Father, I plead that these worshipers will seek You with all their hearts. I ask that they will cry out to You for emotional healing. I plead that they will seek You with all their strength and that You will release Your healing into their lives (Jeremiah 29:13).

Father, I ask You to set these worshipers free from any unforgiveness in their lives. Deeply convict them of any unforgiveness that they have not confronted. Through Your grace and power, enable them to release the debt, the anger, and the damage into Your hands. I plead that they will forgive as You do for the sake of Christ (Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:32).
Father, grant the worshipers the strength and help to face the wounds of the past. I plead that they will not neglect or suppress the hurt or the pain. Empower them to face these things, to seek You for healing, and move on by Your grace and power. I pray that their past will no longer hurt, hinder, or destroy their present and future (Hebrews 13:5-6, 8).

Father, I pray that You will cultivate the fruit of Spirit in the lives of these worshipers. I plead with You to transform them. Root out the sinful, negative emotions cultivated in their lives. Replace these things with Your fruit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Father, these worshipers have experienced emotional wounds. Yet, I plead for Your healing in their lives. I ask that they will forget those things that happened in the past and will press on to Your purpose and Your blessings for their future. I plead that they will keep their eyes focused on You. I ask that they will continue to seek You and experience to the fullest what You have purposed for them (Philippians 3:13).

Father, emotional hurts can produce sinful, negative attitudes and behaviors that can hinder and destroy relationships. I ask You to grant emotional healing to these worshipers. I pray that You will deal with any sinful attitudes or behaviors in their lives that will hinder their relationships. I plead that You will grant them healthy, godly relationships (Matthew 22:39).
Father, I plead that You will enable these worshipers to confess and repent of any sinful responses to their emotional wounds. I pray that they will not see themselves as victims, but will take responsibility for their responses (1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13).

Father, I pray that You will deliver these worshipers from harsh, negative attitudes about themselves. Cause them to know Your hope, peace, and healing. Show them that You can transform their broken heart (Exodus 15:26).

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Chapter 9

P.R.E.A.C.H.

The following prayer guide will help you to pray powerfully for your pastor and minister of music during the worship service.

**Power**: Ask that God will give your pastor and minister of music the power that they need in order to glorify Him and to minister to the congregation.

**Receptive**: Pray that your pastor and minister of music will acknowledge and yield to the leadings of the Holy Spirit during the worship services. Plead that they will listen to the voice of the Spirit as they lead and proclaim the Word. Call on the Holy Spirit to direct them during the worship service.

**Encounter**: Plead that the people will have a life-changing encounter with God during the worship. Pray that people will sense and know God’s presence as they worship and hear the Word. Call on God to
speak clearly and powerfully to all the people as they listen to the Word.

**Acceptance:** Ask that each person will accept the Word of God. Plead that they will respond to the Word as God speaks to them and convicts them.

**Change:** Pray that every person will experience change during the worship service. Ask that the people will respond to the Word with faith and will receive what they needing as they worship and hear the Word.

**Hindrances:** Pray that nothing will hinder the Word preached into the hearts of the people. Plead that they will continue to meditate on and practice what they have experienced during the worship services.

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Praying The Metaphors Of The Word

The Holy Spirit has provided us with many metaphors to help us understand the function of God’s Word. You can use these metaphors to pray for the preaching and teaching of the Word of God during the worship services of your church.

Father, Your Word is described as a counselor. I ask in Jesus’ name that people will receive the guidance that they need from the preaching of Your Word (Psalm 119:24).

Father, Your Word is likened to fire. I plead in Jesus’ name that Your Word will burn away all the impurities from the lives of those who worship in our church (Jeremiah 23:29).

Father, You say that Your Word is like gold. I pray in Jesus’ name that the people will treasure the Word of God as it is preached and taught in the worship services (Psalm 19:9–10).
Father, Your Word is described as a hammer. I ask in Jesus’ name that it will shatter the pride and the complacency of all the worshipers in the worship services (Jeremiah 23:29).

Father, Your Word is like honey. I plead that You will create a hunger in all the worshipers for Your Word. I ask that nothing but Your Word will satisfy them (Psalm 119:103).

Father, Your Word is described as a light. I ask in Jesus’ name that Your Word will provide each worshiper what he or she needs to know and understand (Psalm 119:105).

Father, You describe Your Word as milk. I pray in Jesus’ name that You will give every worshiper the spiritual nourishment that he or she needs during the worship service. Meet each worshiper’s particular spiritual needs (1 Peter 2:2).

Father, You liken Your Word to seed. I plead in Jesus’ name that You will plant the seed of the Word in each worshiper’s heart. I ask that You will cause this seed to grow and that You will change the worshiper’s life through the Word that You have planted into his/her life (1 Peter 1:23).

Father, You describe Your Word as a sword. I ask in Jesus’ name that You will cut the chains that bind each worshiper through Your Word.
plead that You will enable every believer to experience freedom from all that binds him or her (Hebrews 4:12).

Father, You say that Your Word is like water. I pray in Jesus’ name that You will cleanse the lives of the worshipers through Your Word. I plead that You will bring about change and purity in each worshiper by the pure Word of God (Ephesians 5:25).

Other Scripture Prayers And Insights
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Praying For The Lost

In every worship service, you will have people attending who do not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. The following prayer guide will help you to pray for those who need Jesus in the worship services.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I plead that You will draw the lost in the worship service to Jesus Christ in true faith and repentance (John 6:44).

In the name of Jesus, I ask You, Father, to quicken those dead in sins and trespasses (Ephesians 2:1).

Father, I ask You to bind and remove Satan’s work in their lives and to open their eyes to the truth of the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will convince them of the lostness, their separation from God, and eternal destiny in hell (Romans 3:23).

Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I pray that You will destroy any false ideas that they have about Jesus Christ and salvation through Him (Proverbs 14:12).

Lord Jesus, I plead that You will seek out the lost in our worship services and save them from their sins and eternal condemnation (Luke 19:10).
Father, I pray that You will open their hearts that they can receive and believe the gospel (Acts 16:14).

Holy Spirit, I ask You through Your power and their circumstances to prepare them to hear and receive the Word of God (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23).

Holy Spirit, I plead that they will understand the gospel when presented to them in order to prevent the devil from snatching it away (Matthew 13:5, 9).

Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I plead that the Word of God will take root in their lives and bring about true salvation in their lives (Matthew 13:6, 20-21).

Father, I ask that the pleasures of this world and the pressures of life will not choke the Word of God sown into their lives (Matthew 13:7, 22).

Father, I plead that You will deliver the lost in our worship service from the kingdom of darkness and place them into the kingdom of Your dear Son (Colossians 1:13).

Father, I pray that they will receive the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord (Romans 6:23).

Lord Jesus, I ask that they will not trust in themselves, but that they will completely trust in You as their Savior and Lord (Galatians 2:16).

Holy God, I pray that You will grant genuine repentance to the lost in our worship services, a repentance that will cause them to hate sin and to turn from it (Acts 11:8; Luke 13:1-3).

Lord God, I plead that You will grant them genuine faith, a faith that trusts in Jesus alone and surrenders to Him as Lord and Savior (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will stir the lost in our worship services out of their indifference and complacency concerning their condition and their need of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 6:2).
I ask in the name of Jesus Christ that they will surrender themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 14:9).

Father, I pray that You will send people continually into their lives who will share the gospel with them (Romans 10:14).

Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You will put a new heart in the lost in our worship services and that You will place Your Holy Spirit in them (Jeremiah 42:30; Ezekiel 11:19-20).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will cause them to hate sin and that You will break the power of those sins hindering them from coming to Christ (Mark 9:43-47).

Lord Jesus, I ask that the lost in our worship services will surrender to You, denying themselves, take up the Cross, and follow You (Luke 9:23).

Father, I plead that they will understand that their only hope for forgiveness and acceptance with You comes through Jesus’ work on the Cross (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Father, I pray that the lost in our worship services will not neglect the glorious salvation available through Your Son (Hebrews 2:1-3).

Lord Jesus, I pray that they will feel and know the burden of their sin and will come to You for forgiveness and salvation (Matthew 11:28-30).

Father, I plead that the lost in our worship services will make genuine commitments to Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of their lives (Luke 14:24-33).

Lord Jesus, I plead that they will not rely on the appearance of righteousness but will seek You for the transformation of their lives (Matthew 23:27-29).

Father, I pray that they will see that their good works appear as filthy rags in Your sight and that they will not save them (Isaiah 64:6).
Father, I ask that the lost in our worship services will believe and trust Your Son that You sent as the Savior of sinners (John 5:24).

Lord Jesus, I ask that they will not die in their sins but will trust You and receive eternal life (John 8:24).

Because You came into the world to save sinners, I plead with You to save the lost in our worship services. Have mercy on them, O God; they need of Your grace and mercy (1 Timothy 1:13-16).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will humble them that they can see their need of Jesus Christ (Psalm 18:27; Proverbs 8:13, 29:23).

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Chapter 12
The Holy Spirit Prayers

The Holy Spirit is crucial to our worship experience. The Holy Spirit enables us to know God and to worship Him. He empowers us to praise, to pray, to preach, to listen, to receive, and to change. For this reason, we must plead with Him to work in the midst of our worship services. The following prayer guide can help you do this.

- Holy Spirit, I invite You to fill this place with Your light and power, bringing new life and transformation (John 6:63).

- Holy Spirit, I plead with You to create within each worshiper a hunger for God and His Word (Psalm 42:1-2).

- Holy Spirit, I ask that every believer will worship God in spirit and in truth. Empower every believer to do this (John 4:24).

- Holy Spirit, teach the lost in the worship services about their lostness and their need for the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:26).
- Holy Spirit, meet the particular spiritual needs of each person in the worship services (Philippians 4:19).

- Holy Spirit, I pray that You will convict the people in this worship service of their sin and lead them to repentance (John 16:8).

- Holy Spirit, show the lost people in the worship services who Jesus Christ is. Deliver them from false teaching about Him (John 15:26).

- Holy Spirit, I plead that You will draw the people in the worship services to the Lord Jesus Christ in true faith (John 6:44).

- Holy Spirit, I pray that the people in the worship services will experience eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord (John 3:3,5).

- Holy Spirit, strengthen the believers in the worship services with Your might and enable them to minister (Ephesians 5:18).

- Holy Spirit, fill the believers in the worship services with Your power and wisdom, speaking the Word with boldness and effectiveness (Acts 4:31).

- Holy Spirit, create within the believers in the worship services a spirit of prayer for all people and all needs (Galatians 4:6).
• Holy Spirit, encourage the believers in the worship services and help them grow spiritually and numerically (Acts 9:31).

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Chapter 13

Invitation Praying

People have an opportunity to publicly respond to what the Spirit is doing in their lives during the invitation. The invitation offers a time for the worshipers to examine their lives, reflect, and act on the Word of God. For this reason, this holy time needs fervent prayer. The following prayer guide can help you pray during the invitation of your worship services.

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will move in a powerful way during the invitation. During this time, release Your life-transforming power into the lives of the worshipers (Isaiah 11:2).

Holy Spirit, I ask that every worshiper will acknowledge and yield to Your leading and conviction during the worship service (Psalm 29:4).

Holy Spirit, I plead that You will clearly speak to the worshipers about God’s will for their lives. Make clear the commitments that You have convicted them to make (John 16:7).
Holy Spirit, I ask that You will deal with the pride that will hinder the worshipers from responding to Your call. Shatter the self-righteousness that will keep the worshipers from responding to the Word (James 4:6).

I plead that each person will hear and give heed to the Word of God. Holy Spirit, open their hearts that they might do this (Acts 16:14).

Holy Spirit, I ask that no one will put off any commitment that they need to make. I pray that they will not think that they can wait until later to act. I plead with You to move powerfully on their hearts and lead them to act according to Your leading at this moment (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will give each worshiper the strength and the courage to make the commitments that You have burdened them with. Show them the Father’s will and that You will help them to obey (Philippians 4:13).

Holy Spirit, I ask that You will bind the enemy from lying to people during the invitation. I plead that they will not listen to his lies and turn away from Your leading and conviction. I pray that they will turn to God and His will for their lives (John 8:44).
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Exit Praying

When the worship service ends, the worshipers enter into an exciting but dangerous time. The excitement flows out of the fact that people have encountered God and heard His voice. God’s Spirit and Word have touched, renewed, and challenged the worshipers. They now have the opportunity to go out and apply the truth to their lives. They can now make a difference in their world.

Yet, they also face a dangerous time. After the service ends, they can forget the truth declared during the service. They can have the cares of the world choke out the experience that they have had. The hectic pace of life can rob the fruit of this vivid encounter with God and His Word.

In order to prevent this, we must pray for the results after our worship services. It is just as important to pray after the worship
service, as it is to pray before the worship service. The following prayer guide offers help in knowing how to pray after the worship service.

Father, in Jesus’ name, plant Your Word into the hearts of the worshipers (Matthew 13:20–21).

Father, in Jesus’ name, root Your Word firmly into the hearts of the worshipers (Matthew 13:19).

Father, in Jesus’ name, remove anything from the worshipers’ lives that will hinder Your truth from taking root (James 1:21).

Father, in Jesus’ name, hinder the evil one from snatching the truth away from the hearts of the worshipers (Matthew 13:19).

Father, in Jesus’ name, enable the worshipers to meditate on the truth that they have heard (Psalm 119:97).

Father, in Jesus’ name, remind the worshipers of the truth throughout their week (2 Peter 1:12–13).

Father, in Jesus’ name, empower the worshipers to apply and obey the truth throughout their week (James 1:22).

Father, in Jesus’ name, I plead that the worshipers will share with others through the week about what they have experienced (Acts 1:6–7).
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Chapter 15

Warfare Praying

Satan hates the worship of God. He despises it when people adore and glorify God. He longs for people to worship him. He desires that people bow before him. Because of this, he will do whatever he can to disrupt the worship of God’s people. The Word of God says about him, “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same suffering” (1 Peter 5:8–9). He is a roaring lion who seeks to hinder and stop the worship of God.

The following prayer guide can help you to pray against this work of the evil one.
• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that You will bind the evil one and will hinder him from disrupting or destroying our worship.

• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that You will enable every believer to enter into worship with a prepared heart. Deliver us from allowing any open doors for Satan because of unconfessed sin or wrong attitudes.

• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that You will set every worshiper free from the bondage that has enslaved them.

• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that everything done in the worship service will glorify and exalt the name of Jesus.

• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that no one will quench or grieve the Holy Spirit.

• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that every person will reject the lies of Satan and will receive the truth of God.

• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that Satan will not sow discord or confusion into our midst.

• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that You will break the power of the evil one over every person in his grip.
• Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that You will strengthen and encourage every worshiper against the temptations and snares of the evil one.

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Psalm 100 And Your Worship Services

*Psalm 100* provides an excellent model for praying for your worship services. It will enable you to pray with power and confidence for them. The following prayer guide can assist you in pray this amazing psalm.

1. **Ask God to create a joyful atmosphere for the worship services** - “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth” (v.1).
2. **Pray that the people will worship God with enthusiasm** - “Worship the LORD with gladness” (v.2).
3. **Plead that the people with worship with all their strength** - “Come before him with joyful songs” (v.2).
4. *Pray that the people will have a significant encounter with God* – “Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture” (v.3).

5. *Ask that the people will respond to God with thanksgiving and praise* – “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name” (v.4).

6. *Plead that the people will have a renewed understanding of and commitment to God* – “For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations” (v.5).

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