

Practical Application of the Apostolic Prayers

(Taken From IHOP-KC Materials)

I. INTRODUCTION – We’ve sought to compile a list of prayers prayed by the Apostles. We adapted the language in order to apply these prayers to the entire church in any region. These prayers are personalized and are meant to be used to pray for all the saints in every congregation in any given city or area.

II. BIBLICAL ADAPTATIONS:

A. *Acts 4:29-30* – ***“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”***

Lord, grant that Your bondservants may speak Your word with all confidence and boldness by releasing the anointing of Your Spirit upon them, while You extend Your hand to heal through them with signs and wonders being released through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.

B. *Rom 10:1* – ***“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.”***

Our hearts’ desire and prayer is for the salvation of the lost (for natural and spiritual Israel).

C. *Rom. 15:5-6* – ***“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

That God may supernaturally grant the saints and the congregations of the Lord in this area the ability to be of one mind and one purpose with each other, that with one accord and one voice we may glorify God in the church in this area. (1 Cor 1:10-12; Phil. 1:27; Phil. 2:1-3; John 17:21-22)

D. *Rom. 15:13* – ***“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”***

That the God of all hope would supernaturally fill the church with all joy and all peace in believing that the church in this area may abound in hope by the power and revelation of the Holy Spirit.

E. *Rom. 16:20* – ***“And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.”***

That the God of peace would soon crush Satan's works and put them under the feet of the church by the manifestation of the works of the kingdom with wisdom, signs and wonders.

- F. 2 Cor. 1:3-5 – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.”**

May the God of all comfort fully comfort the saints and enable them to comfort others by the power of Your Spirit. God, grant that Your comfort may abundantly flow to them in Christ Jesus.

- G. 2 Cor. 13:9 – “For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.”**

That God would grant the church in this area to be made complete in gifts, fruit, and wisdom, by the demonstration and revelation of the Spirit.

- H. Eph. 1:16-19 – “...do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.”**

That God may give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Jesus. That the eyes of our heart may be enlightened, so that we may experience the fullness of God's calling and might, understand the fullness of the glory of the Father's inheritance in the entire church in our area. Lord we ask that we might experience the surpassing greatness of God's power in our lives and ministries.

- I. Eph. 3:16-19 – “...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”**

That God would strengthen each believer in the church throughout this area with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that the fullness of Jesus may be expressed in our hearts and lives as we are rooted and ground in love for God and for one another. That each believer may be able to fully comprehend what is the breadth and length and height and depth of Jesus' love for them and Jesus' love for His Father. Lord, grant that we might experience the fullness of Your Spirit working in and through our lives and through each congregation in this area.

- J. *Eph. 6:19-20 – “and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”***

Pray on behalf of the leadership of the entire church in our area, that words of utterance would flow through them supernaturally as they open their mouths to speak the Word. That they might minister with the boldness that comes from being under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. (I believe this is a prayer for anointed prophetic preaching with the operation of the gift of faith.)

- K. *Phil. 1:9-11 – “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”***

That the saints' deep love for Jesus and for one another would abound more and more and that this love would be expressed with true spiritual knowledge and discernment, so that we might be able to clearly discern what God calls excellent so that our lives might be sincere and blameless in God's sight until the end. That our lives might be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through experiencing the presence of Jesus in our hearts.

- L. *Phil. 4:7 – “and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”***

That the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, would supernaturally guard the mind and emotions of the saints in our area, especially in times of spiritual warfare.

- M. *Phil. 4:23 – “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.” (Phil. 4:19)***

That God the Father would supply all the needs of the Church according to His riches in glory and that the grace of the Lord Jesus might be powerfully manifested in the human spirit (inner man) of each believer.

- N. Col. 1:9-11 – “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.”**

That each congregation and each believer might be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in each specific area of our lives and ministries and that God would add spiritual wisdom and understanding to this knowledge so that we might fully please the Lord and bear good fruit in our ministries.

- O. Col. 4:3-4 – “meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”**

That God might open to the church a greater door for the Word. That the Word might go forth by the spirit of wisdom and revelation and be confirmed with signs and wonders.

- P. Col. 4:12 – “Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”**

That the church and its leadership might firmly stand in perfect wisdom, being fully assured in all the will of God for all its ministries. That the prophetic spirit of wisdom and revelation would flow in the hearts of the church.

- Q. 1 Thes. 3:10-13 – “night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”**

That God would release ministry that would complete what is lacking in any area of church life and that God may cause the church to increase and abound in love and compassion for one another and for the lost, so that God may establish the saints with hearts blameless in holiness.

- R. 1 Thes. 5:23 – “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

We pray that God Himself would personally sanctify the saints in every dimension, spirit, soul and body, and that He would keep us in this purity without blame until His coming.

- S. ***2 Thes. 1:11-12 – “Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”***

That God may purify and lead this church into maturity. That He may count this church worthy of completely fulfilling our specific calling so that we might fulfill every aspect of our vision. That we might desire to do good and that we might fulfill the work of faith with manifestations of great power, in order that the name of Jesus may be glorified in us.

- T. ***2 Thes. 2:16-17 – “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.”***

That the Lord Jesus Himself and God our Father would comfort and strengthen our hearts in every good word, in every ministry and every outreach of His Word.

- U. ***2 Thes. 3:1-5 – “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.”***

That the Word of God may spread rapidly and be magnified through signs and wonders and that God would grant the release of the full conviction of the Spirit on the Word. (1 Thes. 1:5, Jn. 16:8, Acts 19:20) That we may be delivered from perverse and evil men as God’s anointing rests upon us. That the Lord would strengthen and protect us from the evil one, and that He would direct our hearts in to the knowledge of the Father’s love for us, Jesus and for all the saints, and into the patience, perseverance, and steadfastness that Jesus had under trials and temptations. (Rom. 5:5; John 17:26; Gal. 1:11)

- V. ***Heb. 13:20-21 – “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”***

That God might fully anoint and equip us in every good work and ministry, to completely do His will in this area and then in our outreach to the nations. That God would supernaturally work in us that which is pleasing in His sight for the church in this area.

- W. ***1 Pet. 5:10 – “But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.”***

That the God of all grace will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish each congregation in this area and each believer, in a supernatural way with power and revelation.

- X. ***2 Pet. 1:2 – “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,”***

That grace and peace be multiplied to the saints as God supernaturally releases greater revelation of the knowledge of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ by opening the eyes of our heart.

- Y. ***The Lord’s Prayer – Matt. 6:9-13 – “In this manner, therefore, pray: our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”***

That God’s name would be honored, hallowed, worshipped and obeyed, that God’s kingdom would be established in great power, purity, and wisdom. That God would provide for the needs of the saints and that God would victoriously lead the saints out of temptation into full obedience.

- Z. ***Matt. 9:37-38 – “Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’ ”***

Lord release holy and anointed laborers into the harvest to minister to the flock and to win the lost.

- AA. ***Luke 11:13 – “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.”***

That God would release the power, purity and wisdom of His Spirit upon His people.

- BB. ***Luke 22:31-32 – “And the Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.’ ”***

That the faith of the saints may not fail and that God’s servants would be empowered to strengthen one another.