

SAMPLE PRAYERS

(where there is a blank line, you can insert the name of the person you are praying for, or pray for yourself).

Prayer for Guidance

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your guidance. Forgive us for getting ahead of Your plans, and help us know when to stop and listen for Your direction. Your ways are perfect, Lord. Thank You for offering gentle grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayer for Perseverance

Holy Lord, Thank You for grace. Please help _____ move beyond the hurdles that trip them up and give them the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope they run toward in Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Healing

Lord, your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration and I thank you for the miracles you still perform today. Today I claim those promises over the person I am praying for, whose name is _____. I believe in the healing power of faith and prayer and I ask you to begin your mighty work in the life of _____. Please reach down and surround them with supernatural peace and strength and give them the faith to believe that all things are possible for you. Protect them and let their miraculous healing begin. Amen.

Prayer for God's Direction

Lord, help _____ not to lean on their own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct their words, thoughts and actions. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayer For Worry

Father, I am tempted to worry about so many things. Our world is a mess! Forgive us for focusing on anything or anyone but You. Thank You for the **Bible** that equips and empowers us to live each day. Right now, I declare that You are our only Hope. Please help us remember that You really are in control. Amen

Prayer When Feeling Inadequate

Dear Lord, Thank You for fearfully and wonderfully creating each of us. Thank You for giving us worth in Your eyes. Help us live as the one You uniquely intended us to be. Help us abide instead of strive, living peacefully and joyfully as heirs to Your Kingdom and co-heirs with Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayer for Being Grateful

Father, I am so sorry for the way I complain about my circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when things don't go my way. I want to see Your hand in every part of every day - good or bad. Help me learn how to face every storm with confidence, knowing that You really are in control even though I cannot hear Your voice or see Your hand at work. In Jesus Name, Amen.

A Prayer for our Church Family

Heavenly Father,

Please shine your light upon the family here at Shepherd of the Valley. Give us strength to overcome the challenges that we face now, and protect us against the problems we may encounter in the future.

O Lord, please bring us together as we are meant to be. May the love that binds us only grow stronger as we fulfill the destiny you have laid out for us.

Grant our church family forgiveness for any sins we have committed. May we also forgive one another Lord, as it is sometimes difficult to do.

Bless us Lord,

In your name I pray, Amen

A Prayer for our Pastor based on Colossians 1:9-12

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you to pray for our Pastor. You have told us to pray for them, and so we come to you. We ask that our Pastor may be filled with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that they may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to you: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to God's glorious might, so that they may have endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled them to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. Amen.