PARTNERING WITH JESUS

IN PRAYER

A 14-day prayer journey by the
Nampa First Prayer Ministry Team

INTRODUCTION Prayer is a beautiful connection to our Savior Jesus and His presence. It is also a powerful force that invades this earthly realm with the Kingdom of Heaven. And that is why the Nampa First Prayer Ministry Team has compiled this 14-day prayer booklet. We want to invade the city of Nampa and blanket her with Kingdom prayers.

This booklet contains 14 prayers. Each is to be prayed on 14 consecutive days. Our hope is that you will pray these together as a family at your family altar. Maybe you don't have a family altar and would like to build one. This booklet can be a starting point. Maybe you already have a family altar - this booklet can be easily added to that time together. Maybe you are a single person and live alone - this booklet can be a part of your daily devotional time with the Lord. Each day's prayer has a different sector of Nampa to pray for. Please feel free to add more to the prayers by including your city if it is other than Nampa or use them as a guide for your own prayers. Feel free to keep praying these prayers for more than two weeks, maybe at the beginning of each month. As you go about your day, you may drive or walk past some of the places and people that are being prayed for. Do popcorn prayers for them. We truly want to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28) by discipling the nations, starting in our own Jerusalem - Nampa. By the way, Nampa was first named New Jerusalem! Prayer will unleash the power of heaven!

Let's start the year with our community of Nampa and Canyon County as a focus of our prayers to bring the power of the Kingdom to rest over our cities.

Let's get started!

Please be aware of two corporate prayer times you may want to attend in person. The first is a noon prayer time on Wednesdays in the Conference Room led by Curt Bowers. The second is a men's prayer time on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm led by David Ferdinand in room S4.

Also, Wonderful books on prayer may be checked out of the Nampa First library.

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DAY ONE

FAMILIES Beloved God, we thank You for the gift of our families. We are so grateful for our spouses, children, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. They can bring so much joy and comfort to our hearts and lives. But we know that families can struggle. Father, we ask for those families that may have experienced a breaking of these significant ties through divorce or death. Place Your hand of grace over those who feel lonely or are grieving these relationships. Give special strength to those who are raising children by themselves. May friends and other family members come along side them to help support and fill in the gap of the missing parent. May You strengthen the bond between husbands and wives as they seek to honor and respect each others' desires and differences. May our families be safe havens for children to feel free to grow and explore this world. May families seek the help they need to navigate the rough patches that all families face from time to time. May teenagers learn to build a culture of honor with their families as they are also finding out who they are and seek more independence. May our families have a family altar where You are worshipped, Your Word is proclaimed, and Your love and grace are shown. Where there are resentments and offenses between family members, may grace and forgiveness be given. Help parents to teach their children Your ways, taking the myriad of opportunities to show them who You are. May there be lots of love and laughter and fun. And when there are tears, may there be safety and compassion. Help us to treat our family as we want to be treated. Help us treat each other well because those relationships reflect how we view You. Strengthen our Sunday school classes, children's ministries, and teen ministries to help each know how to build a strong and healthy family. For those who are single, may You be their spouse as You make Your home with them. Strengthen the singles' ministries to provide a place of belonging and growth. May our families prosper and thrive. Help our families be one as You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one. **Amen.**





DAY TWO

BUSINESSES & ECONOMY Dear Heavenly Father, You are holy, righteous, and good. Thank You, Lord, for the many blessings You bestow upon us. We lift our businesses to You, Lord. Please, help business owners to seek Your will in all business dealings and decisions, Lord, for Your honor and glory.

We ask for Your blessing, Lord. We pray that You would connect employers and employees. We pray for folks to enjoy healthy work environments, job satisfaction, and joy that comes from turning any job into a ministry for the Kingdom of God.

Let our businesses thrive as we do our best to be good stewards of our time, effort, resources, and money. Please help us to be salt and light in the community we serve. Let us remember the golden rule in all our business affairs: in everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.

We also pray for protection, Lord, from businesses that are harmful to our community. Please, deliver us from temptation. We pray companies that are directly opposed to Your will be closed. We pray You would redeem the lives of those who are lost, Lord. Let the businesses in our community be united in the Christian faith. We pray for revival.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**





DAY THREE

SCHOOLS Heavenly Father, we come to You today, remembering that You are the greatest teacher. Your Word gives us guidance each day to live our lives according to Your good plan. We ask You for our Nampa School District in these challenging times. We pray special blessing on Superintendent Paula Kellerer, a child of Yours, and blessing on Gregg Russell, Assistant Superintendent. We bring the school board members to You as well: Mandy Simpson, Mike Kipp, Allison Westfall, Kim Rost and Betsy Keller. We know that some of them are followers of Christ as well, and for this we are thankful. Give these public servants Your special divine direction and discernment as they strive to make good decisions for students and parents and school staff members. Bless each administrator in each school, each teacher in each classroom, and each staff member that keeps things running well. We know there have been incredible challenges and disruptions to school practices and the stress has been high. We also know that many of these school people attend our own church and other churches in our community, so help us to support and encourage them as we have opportunity. We think of the charter schools, Christian schools, and other school districts in Canyon County, and ask Your special protection and help for each one and all those who are working so hard within them. Finally, we pray for each student in our community and for each family who has high hopes for them. As this next generation is being raised up, may they be taught all the academic skills and character qualities they will need to build this community into one that glorifies You. **Amen.**





DAY FOUR

FIRST RESPONDERS Dear Heavenly Father, You are holy, righteous, and good. Thank You, Lord, that You have ultimate authority over all and You govern wisely. We lift to You the leaders in our communities who have sworn to serve and protect us, namely the firefighters, police officers, and sheriffs. Please, send Your angels down to surround them and protect them from evil. We pray for their safety. Please, give courage, strength, and comfort to their loved ones who see them off to work each day.

We thank You, Lord, and pray for all 602 square miles the Canyon County Sheriffs serve. Please, Lord, guide our officers and keep them safe. Please, bless every aspect of law enforcement, including jail, civil processing, disaster services, driver's licensing, concealed weapons permits, and emergency dispatching. We pray for justice. We pray for peace.

We lift the Nampa Police to You, Lord. Please protect them as they work to protect us. Give them courage and strength to do their jobs well. Guard their hearts, so they don't become cynical or bitter. We pray the police will enjoy a positive relationship with the people in the communities they serve. We pray for peace.

We pray for all five of Nampa's fire stations. We thank You, Lord, for the bravery of the firefighters and ask You, Lord, to protect them. Please, give them the strength of body, mind, and spirit they need to do their jobs. Empower our firefighters to be alert. Thank You, Lord, for giving them a willingness to risk their lives for others.

Lord, we thank You for the incredible display of bravery and brotherly love we see at work in the actions of these public servants. Please, bless and keep them all.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**





DAY FIVE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. We come to You in prayer on behalf of the nurses, doctors, paramedics that serve our community (and around the globe). The past almost two years have been so challenging for them as Covid has gripped our world. Would You bless them with health, courage, and wisdom as they seek to help the sick and the dying. Encourage their hearts, and give them the desire to work shift after shift, often with few resources and minimal staffing.

We ask that the directions they are given from hospital leadership and governmental agencies be honest and true. We pray for the very ill patients in their care. We ask for their recovery, and their complete healing.

Illness and diseases have been around forever and we know that this pandemic did not come as a surprise to YOU. We are thankful that You are in control. We thank You for the many times in scripture that You have cautioned us not to fear, but to trust You. In Joshua 1:9 you say to us, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

We praise you God Most High and we claim rest beneath the shadow of Your wings. **Amen.**





DAY SIX

CHURCHES Father God, we are humbled that Your plan has always been to work in our world through people. You use churches, faith-based organizations, and Your people to do Your work on earth, to be Your hands, feet and heart. Would You help us to be who You called us to be and to do what You called us to do.

We are privileged to live in the Treasure Valley. We pray for our churches and pastors. We pray for unity of message and purpose. May each pastor realize the power of Your Holy Spirit as they step into their pulpits each Sunday. Would You bless their families? Would You strengthen them and protect their hearts and their call?

We praise You, Father, for the faith-based organizations in our area. We thank You for the ministries of Love INC, Hands of Hope, MAF, Boise Rescue Mission, and our own Care House Partnerships with the food, counseling and medical clinics. You know the needs of each one for volunteers, financial help, and resources. We ask You to provide exactly what is needed for each group and at just the right time. We pray for the leadership of each group as they seek how to best serve our community. We ask that you encourage them and draw them close to You.

We pray in the powerful name of Jesus, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend. **Amen.**





DAY SEVEN

NEIGHBORS Lord, we are so grateful for our community, especially our neighbors and neighborhoods. Open our eyes and ears to be mindful of our neighbors and their needs. Help us to be a healing balm to those who live so close to us. May we open our hearts to them, so that we are Your hands and feet right here on our street. May we not be too tired or busy to see and help those who are our neighbors. May we be their friends, confidants, prayer partners, and helpers, so that those in our neighborhoods thrive and prosper.

Keep our neighborhoods safe from any drug or sex traffickers or domestic violence. Help us to befriend new people who move in or those who may be lonely from losing a spouse or loved one.

May our neighbors live in peace with each other. Help us to cooperate well with each other and to settle any disputes graciously. Bring our neighbors together with a sense of community and build a culture of honor with each other.

It is for You, Jesus, we pray these things. **Amen.**





DAY EIGHT

FARMERS, FOOD PRODUCERS & LIVESTOCK CARETAKERS Heavenly Father, we come in agreement in the wonderful and powerful name of Jesus. We know that where two or more are gathered, You will be in the midst of them, and anything we agree upon, You will surely do. Father, we ask Your forgiveness for any anger, bad feelings, resentment, or any other wrong attitude or thought that we have held against others and we release and forgive those who have wronged us.

Father, we come before You and lift up all of the Canyon County farmers, food producers, and livestock caretakers. We declare that Jesus is Lord over this area and people. We take authority over all farmers, food producers, and livestock caretakers and bind all evil spirits and their plans against these people. We render them useless and void in Jesus' name.

We lift up all the Canyon County farmers, food producers, and livestock caretakers who do not know You as Lord and Savior and ask that their blindfolds be removed and that laborers cross their paths and witness the gospel to them in Jesus' name. We ask that You give them wisdom on how to grow, develop, and nurture healthy, nutritious, and affordable crops and animals.

Thank You, Father, for Your great love and awesome power, in the precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**





DAY NINE

INFRASTRUCTURE Our Father, as we pray for our daily needs, the needs for today and for tomorrow, for the infrastructure of our communities, the water we drink, the water for our irrigation, the sanitation systems to keep us clean and healthy, and our electrical grid, we first thank You, Lord, for the provisions that You have promised to provide. As You remind us in your word, You are the God who takes care to supply all our needs from Your glorious riches, even as You have given all of this in Christ Jesus.

Father, as we consider all the blessings we have as a community, we pray for the city workers and staff watching over the network of pipes and the delivery mechanisms that keep our electricity giving us light and heat, that keep fresh water flowing, and that keep the systems to deliver irrigation waters flowing at just the right time of year to produce gardens and food for our tables. We are mindful of the sanitation needed to keep us healthy. Provide the wisdom to keep all of this in balance and freely provide for us in all things. Keep these infrastructures safe from attacks and malfunctions that would cripple our daily lives and health.

We are thankful for the rains from the heavens, the sun and heat, the resources you supply. As You remind us how You take care of the sparrow, we are thankful and truly blessed for all You provide. Hear our prayer of thanksgiving in Jesus' name. **Amen.**





DAY TEN

RESIST DESTRUCTIVE FORCES Lord, there are many negative factors that can damage our community. We need Your anointing over us and our city with Your Holy Spirit's power of protection. Protect us from natural disasters like earthquakes, tornadoes, and fires. Help us be prepared to know how to handle these natural disasters so minimal destruction will take place.

Protect us from Covid, flus, diseases, and cancer. Help us to live healthful lives, so that these illnesses do not invade our bodies. May Your healing hand touch people, so that cancers are removed, illnesses are made well, and Covid is gone.

Protect our community from New Age stores, pornographic shops, abortion clinics, sex trafficking, and alcohol, drug, and marijuana shops. Push these negative influences out of our community.

Guide our people to lead healthy, productive, and constructive lives where they thrive and prosper in human flourishing.

In Your authority and power, we pray. **Amen.**





DAY ELEVEN

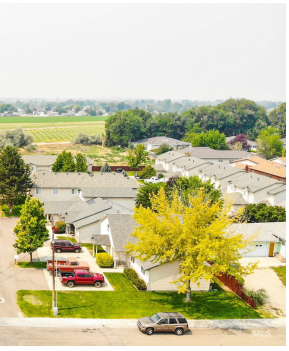
SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADDICTION, POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS, & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE r e m e m b e r that when You were here on earth, Your focus was on the most vulnerable. You gave tangible care to the poor and those in special need. We ask You for all the agencies in our community who serve those who are struggling. Help the rehabilitation centers that offer treatment to those who are addicted, all the AA meetings in our area, and especially our own Celebrate Recovery program that has helped so many people to freedom. Bless each volunteer who gives freely of their time and expertise. Help the children and families of those who are struggling and show us how to come alongside the ones who are taking first steps toward sobriety.

We ask Your divine intervention for families and singles who are trying to make ends meet in a time of pandemic. Thank You for our Care House Food Bank that provides food for those who are insecure. Help each volunteer that makes it happen and especially encourage Neal Moore as he keeps things working with his team.

You know how rent and housing prices have risen in our community, and how that has priced many out of an affording place to live. Help those who are living in their cars or couch surfing. Inspire agencies and builders to collaborate on offering more low-income housing. Thank You for Love, Inc that is building such apartments now and also helping families to get to fiscal solvency. Bless their efforts to support vulnerable families in our community.

Help those who may be in unsafe situations, even in their own homes. Show them how to reach out and accept help that is available. Help us, as Your children, to be aware of those around us who need a boost so that we may be Your hands and feet. **Amen.**





DAY TWELVE

DISCIPLE NAMPA Lord, You have commissioned us to make disciples of all nations. Teach us how to disciple our own city of Nampa. What do You want us to do to disciple Nampa? Who can I help to nurture or mentor in growing in faith and trust in You?

Open our heart and eyes to the harvest that is right here in front of us. May our love and affection grow for the citizens of Nampa and may more and more of them become citizens of Your kingdom.

May we fill our hearts with Your Word so that we can plant seeds of hope and love in You and water these tender shoots to grow in You.

Thank You for the wonderful opportunities that await us each day to bring Your message to this community and to disciple Nampa. **Amen.**





DAY THIRTEEN

STATE GOVERNMENT Our Father, as we pause to acknowledge that we are created in Your image and that all governing authorities are placed there by You, we are thankful and give You the praise and glory for providing leaders with Your heart.

Lord, we pray for all state government officials, legislators, and judges, and all of those in authority over us. Most importantly, we pray for their salvation, so we can be led by Christ-centered leaders. Father, give them Your heart. Fill them with Your wisdom, caring, and understanding by Your Holy Spirit. Increase their faith, and as they have the weight of leadership on their hearts, deepen their compassion to make decisions beyond their natural reason.

Lord, You have asked us in Your Word to obey all spiritual leaders, therefore we pray today that all our leaders center their efforts first on You, God. Give them reason to do this with joy - as You show us in your Word.

Help them, Lord, to remember even the smallest decision may have an impact on Your eternal plan. Send Your Holy Spirit to comfort each one now. Increase faith in the Name of Christ and in Your Will. **Amen.**

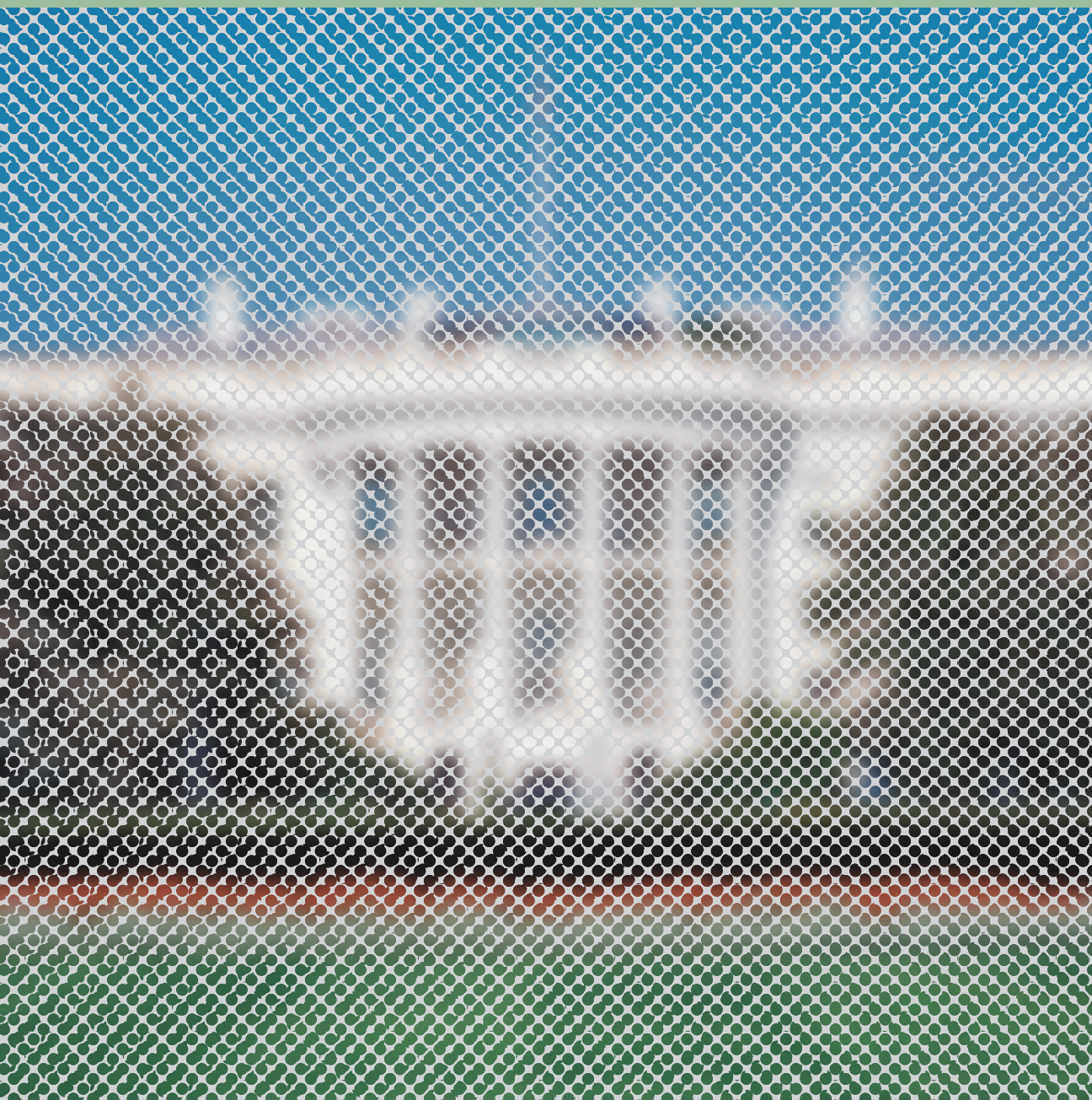




DAY FOURTEEN

CITY, COUNTY, & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS Jesus, thank You that You are here – here in our city of Nampa. We ask that our city flourish this year in all ways. Thank You for our mayor, Debbie Kling, and that she loves You and believes in You. Give her wisdom and discernment as she governs our city. May her work and decisions cause all those in Nampa to thrive. Thank You for our city council members, Victor Rodrigues, Darl Bruner, Natalie Jangula, Sandy Levi, Jacob Bowers, and Randy Haverfield. Guide their hearts to implement fair and wise decisions that will allow justice and liberty to prevail for all in our city. May the Mayor, her office, and the city council work in harmony and collaboration as they lead and direct our city. Give our county commissioners, Leslie Van Beek, Keri Smith, and Pam White, Your wisdom and discernment as they lead Canyon County. May they work well and efficiently together to guide our county this year into prosperity and productivity, solving many of our problems in a wise way. We thank You for these leaders and give them into Your sovereign care as You turn their hearts to doing good, being wise, and being people of integrity. May Nampa be a city of light on the hill.

Lord we ask for wisdom for our U.S. senators and representatives, Jim Risch, Mike Crapo, Mike Simpson, and Russ Fulcher. May they have great influence in the direction of our country. Give our President, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Supreme Court Your guidance and wisdom. May more of these leaders come to know You and submit to Your ways for our country. Heal our land, Lord, of disunity and violence. Bind our hearts together as Americans who will trust in You. It is in Your power and authority and name that we pray all these things. **Amen.**



PRAYERS FROM SCRIPTURE TO PRAY OVER SITUATIONS AND PEOPLE

Ephesians 1:16–22 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 3:16–22 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:9–11 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

I Thessalonians 3: 11-13 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Colossians 1:9b–12 We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

I Timothy 2:2 I urge that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made of all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

II Thessalonians 1:11–12 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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